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## THE REVIVAL OF BUSINESS.

There is nothing much the matter with the business of this country today except that we have all been watching the great war instead of attending to business. We have waited, wondering what would happen to us, instead of going ahead making conditions what they should be.

The novelty of the war is wearing off, its effects upon us are beginning to be understood, and there is a slow but sure revival of business all along the line.

Our great businessmen are realizing that, instead of being in disaster, we are now face to face with the greatest business opportunity in the history of this country. We should not take advantage of nations in trouble, but the world's business must go on, and this country is the only one that can and must take it up.

John Wanamaker, the great New York and Philadelphia merchant, and Cyrus H. K. Curtis, the great Philadelphia publisher, have planned large increase in advertising for the fall and winter, believing that now is the best time to get new business.

"I do not see how we can fail to be prosperous," says Curtis in an interview.

"My great hope, indeed I may say my firm belief, today," says Wanamaker, "is that this condition is only temporary. We can shorten it, and it is our duty not to talk down but to talk up."

C. F. Jamison, sales manager of the Saxon Motor Co., predicts: "A record-breaking year in the automobile industry is under way simply because public confidence has been restored in the ability of American business to weather any storm and to come out with colors flying."

Business conditions in the Pacific coast territory are reported already better than usual at this time of year, and dealers in Christmas goods are beginning heavy advertising.

Kansas, with its 164,000,000-bushels wheat crop, is on "Easy street." One bank in central Kansas which held \$200,000 in cash 30 days ago now has \$600,000, with more constantly coming in.

A headline in the New Orleans Item reads: "War's Gift to Two States, Louisiana and Mississippi, is Fifty Million Dollars." The article was prepared by the Item's staff to show exactly and in detail the effect of the war upon the staple products of the two states.

It is time that the trance we have been in be broken, that we get down to business, and take the advantages that have been thrust upon us.

The enormous business to be done in this country in the next year and after, by those who are alive to the manifold opportunities, is beyond calculation. It is beyond the reach of dreams.

A dispatch from California yesterday says the Southern Pacific is at its old tricks and is trying to force its employes to vote the way it wants them to. The managers of that big corporation are each, perhaps, entitled to one vote, but because they hire other men they are not entitled to dictate how these men shall vote, and as it were take the right to the ballot from the men and use it themselves. In these days the corporation that keeps the farthest away from politics will run up against the least trouble. The Southern Pacific once owned the coast and dictated all matters political for it, but the coast has attained its majority and will take dictation from no man or corporation. It is not the S. P.'s stenographer.

The present war has demonstrated that immense armaments do not make for peace, and it has also demonstrated that treaties are made with ink, broken with blood and are kept only so long as it suits the parties thereto to keep them. This makes the answer to the question, "How shall we prevent war?" one of considerable interest and much doubt.

It is estimated that it costs about \$25,000 to kill a man in war, and statistics show it costs from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to raise a boy to the age of 21 years. Considering how much more cheaply they can be raised than killed, it would seem the part of wisdom to raise more and kill less, especially since one raised and alive is worth more than all the countless thousands after they are dead.

## THOSE UP-TO-DATE SCIENTISTS.

Scientists more than any other class reverse themselves and do it cheerfully. That it makes mistakes it frankly admits, and that is perhaps the reason we all look up to the scientist and take what he says as being a fact. You see, science differs widely from the tariff, politics and that kind of thing, which, once having set its picket pins, would rather starve inside the length of its picket rope than admit error. For some time science has insisted that potash was necessary to the production of good crops, and acting on this the American farmer has imported an immense quantity of potash from Germany and spread it over his fields. Science still insists that potash is necessary, but says it has discovered there is enough potash in practically all the soils, the trouble being that it was not in such shape as to be assimilated by the plants. They now claim that the application of lime frees the potash and makes it available for vegetation. The decay of organic matter also liberates potash, which is one of the reasons for the enriching power of clover, plowed under.

It is, however, noted that while we have been importing vast quantities of potash there has been discovered in California perhaps the most wonderful potash beds in the world. But little has been said of them for the reason that the parties locating them have gotten into the courts and nothing is being done toward their development. Borings, however, have established the fact that the deposits cover many miles and are several hundred feet thick. It would be just like the scientist to find the stuff worthless as soon as the United States discovered an abundant supply of it.

Whatever opinion anyone may have as to the debate between Governor West and Robert A. Booth, there can be but one feeling as to the latter's attack on Judge Gilbert of the court of appeals. There were two other judges acting with Judge Gilbert—Judge Morrow and Judge Ross. If Judge Gilbert was so far forgetful of his oath of office and his duties as a judge as to put up a job with the interior department to pack the jury for the purpose of convicting Mr. Booth or any other man, then the other judges must also have been in on the deal. Those who know Judge Gilbert and his high ideals, will not entertain the matter for a moment, and no sane man can be found who will believe the department of the interior, the judicial department and the United States marshal and prosecuting attorney entered into a conspiracy to debauch a jury and send an innocent man to jail. It is too preposterous for comment.

Our esteemed morning contemporary is worrying greatly, and we believe unnecessarily, because it believes, or says it does, that the Oregon Journal has heretofore led the republican party of this state around by the nose and compelled it to do its bidding. We do not believe the Oregon Journal, with all its power and influence, understands the management of an elephant, especially so unruly a one as the republican party of Oregon. If the republican party can be led around by its little trunk by a democratic paper, we suggest that our morning neighbor study up on mahouting, and mahout the political animal for a round or two.

President Wilson has done much to remove the prejudice against college professors, who have heretofore been looked upon as theoretical and impractical. Wilson is anything but either. Still here is a bare chance that he is the exception that proves the rule.

## THE ROUND-UP

The Jarman saloon at Echo was gutted by fire early Sunday morning, loss about \$3000, nearly covered by insurance.

Material has been assembled for Al-bany's \$40,000 brick school house, the first of that kind in the city. It will have the most modern improvements, including inclined planes instead of stairs.

J. O. Elrod, a Portland capitalist, has purchased 3000 acres of timber land of A. H. Hinkson, of Eugene. The land is in the South river district of Douglas county, and the purchase price was between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Within a few miles of the place where they were married 50 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart P. Brock celebrated their golden wedding at their home near Shedd, Thursday. Both came to Oregon in pioneer days, and were married in 1864, near Boston Mills, Linn county.

At an election held Saturday, East-side and Condon, Coos county towns, voted overwhelmingly to consolidate. The places are divided by two canals of Coos Bay, and are one and three-fourths miles apart.

J. W. Hooper, a brakeman on the O-W. R. & N. running east from La Grange, was killed Saturday night near Gloyer. His body was found by the side of the track with his head and right arm severed. It is supposed he fell from the top of the train. He was 27 years old and unmarried.

The cornerstone of the new Catholic church was laid at La Grande, Sunday.

A carload of lumber was shipped from Eugene to Coquas, Minnesota, by the Booth-Kelly company. It went over the Oregon Electric and Great Northern and was the first shipment to that section from Eugene.

There is one respect in which a woman has the advantage of a man. She doesn't have to mobilize with a safety razor three times a week.

## Politics and War

The land is full of candidates, the smaller ones and heavyweights; what are they toiling for? They cannot make the people pay attention to the things they say, unless they talk of war. Our bulwarks and our sweetest bones are valued less than rusty puns, as topics of the day—the tariff and the income tax were both sent groggy to their backs, by rumors of the fray. In vain the orator utters and tries to fill the voters' ears with tiresome politics; some fellow whispers, "The reports say Russia took a chain of forts, and crossed the river Pskovitz." The whisper travels round the hall; in vain the orator may bawl about the flag that flies; the voters sit around and bet that Russia will be humbled yet, or just contrariwise. Once more the speaker wildly tries to hold the voters' ears and eyes, and yells about the trusts; but at the door a newshy shrieks, "Oh, wuxtral Denmark darses the Greeks," and then that meeting busts. The voters center down the aisle and through the door in Maud S. style, an "extra" to obtain; and in the hall, depressed, alone, the orator lets out a groan that's charged with grief and pain.

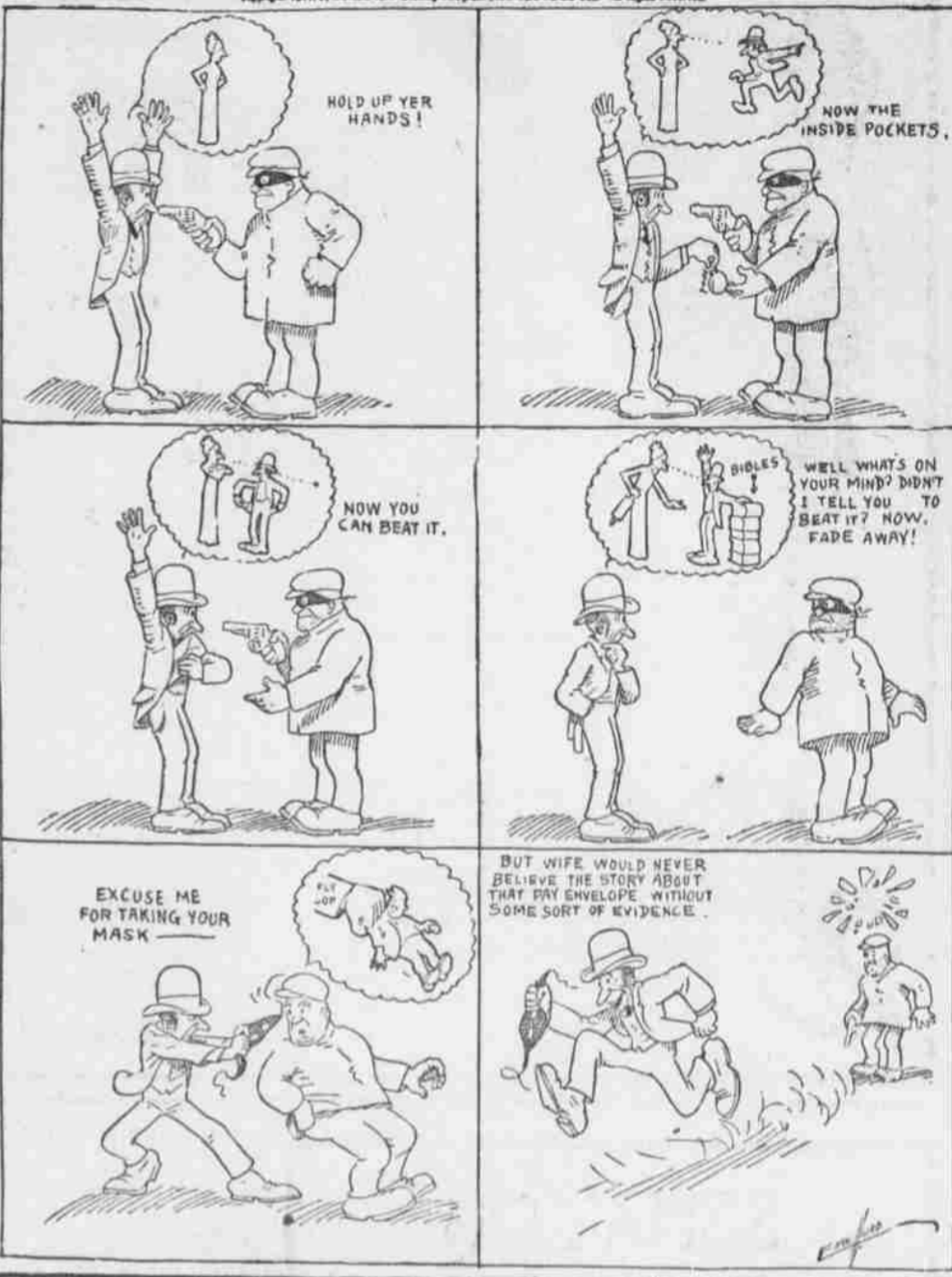


Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 26.—Deputy Constable A. B. Gault is dead today of a bullet wound inflicted by Deputy Sheriff M. L. Machado, following a quarrel in which Miss Edna Neuham, near tried in vain to make peace. Friends declared that both men were interested in the girl, Machado, who was arrested, declared he shot in self defense. The affair occurred early Sunday.

## OVER ONE GIRL

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# What's On Your Mind?



## POLITICAL AMENITIES

### HANLEY IS CONFIDENT.

(Portland Oregonian, Oct. 20.) Supporters and campaign managers of William Hanley, Progressive nominee for the United States senate, profess to be highly elated over the recent developments of the campaign. There is much activity at the Hanley headquarters in the Oregon hotel, and an air of confidence prevails. "The Booth-West debate was the climax of the present political campaign and the break to William Hanley has begun," said Clark Leifer, the Hanley campaign manager, yesterday. "There has been a strong, steady tide toward Mr. Hanley in the last ten days. The Thomas W. Lawson article, the endorsement by the German-speaking societies and the reaction from the Booth-West debate have given Mr. Hanley a tremendous lift. His supporters are active throughout the state and there is a feeling of confidence in the Hanley camp."

### Hanley Termed Fight center.

"Personally I do not care to enter into the merits of the Booth-West Chamberlain controversy. I am merely making a cold analysis of the present political situation. The effect of the debate has been to center the Progressive Republican and independent voters on Hanley, a man about whom no controversy rages."

"While Mr. Booth's sole strength consists in the fact that he stands for strict party regularity, everyone knows that this year all the people of Oregon are voting for a man and his principles."

"This election will witness the greatest shattering of party ties that the state has ever witnessed, and Oregon has not heretofore been noted for voting along strict party lines."

"Let us look at the political situation as it has developed up to date. Several significant facts are apparent: "Mr. Booth cannot carry his party strength. In the first place, he has not inspired enthusiasm among the rank and file of his party. The labor element is bitterly opposed to him. The Polished Trades Council in the every number of every union in the state to vote against him. Mr. Booth by temperament does not appeal to the liberal voters of the state, who are opposed to blue laws."

### POT CALLS KETTLE BLACK.

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## LAWSON GIVES REASONS.

(Paid adv. in Oregonian.) NO GREATER CALAMITY COULD COME TO THE NATION, AT JUST THIS TIME, THAN THE TYING OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S HANDS DURING THE LAST HALF OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, BY THE TURNING OVER OF THE SENATE TO THE PARTY WHOSE MISUSE OF THEIR POWER WAS THE CAUSE OF PRESIDENT WILSON BEING SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE—THAN THE DISCREDITING OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S WORK BEFORE IT IS FINISHED.

The election of a straight-out Republican could mean nothing more, north and south, to the country, to the world than the great state of Oregon decides President Wilson's administration a failure. On this point there can be no difference of opinion. Mr. Booth's campaign is bottomed, topped and sided with this argument.

I believe I know the country's condition as well as any man or woman in Oregon, and knowing it, I unqualifiedly say: NO GREATER CALAMITY COULD BEFALL THE COUNTRY THAN THE DISCREDITING OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S WORK, NOW, BEFORE IT IS FINISHED AND TRIED OUT UNDER HIS SUPERVISION.

So grave a calamity do I consider the discrediting of President Wilson and his work, that I would, if it could not be avoided in any other way than by the election of a Democrat, not only vote for Senator Chamberlain, but for his Democratic office boy.

THE PEOPLE OF OREGON AND ELSEWHERE SHOULD MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THIS—THE DISCREDITING OF PRESIDENT WILSON AND HIS WORK, NOW, WILL BE A CALAMITY, AN AWFUL NATIONAL CALAMITY.

This disposes of Mr. Booth as it would dispose of the greatest statesman of the country, if he occupied Mr. Booth's position.

That there may be no misunderstanding I will repeat: The election of standpat Republican Booth will tend to discredit President Wilson and his work, and the discrediting of President Wilson and his work would be a national calamity, the effects of which would add to the present hellish conditions which are boiling beneath the

## F. H. CROSBY BUYS TELEPHONE LINES

Portland, Ore., Oct. 27.—That he will further the development of the system was the announcement today of F. H. Crosby of San Francisco, whose purchase of the stocks and bonds of the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company held by the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company for \$300,000 was officially approved by United States Judge Bean in the federal court late Monday.

The sale was in accordance with a decree by Judge Bean March 26 dissolving the telephone merger in the northwest and ordering the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company to sell their holdings at Spokane and in the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company in Oregon and Washington.

The purchase of Crosby includes the long distance service of the independent line extending from Port Townsend and Port Angeles, Wash., on the north, through Seattle, Tacoma, Whitech, Kelso, Vancouver, Portland, Oregon City, Salem, to Corvallis on the south, with well equipped plants in each of the cities named.

If the above does not completely dispose of Mr. Booth, his own reason for asking to be sent to the senate, that he may change the present tariff laws, should certainly do so. Can anyone imagine a simpler argument than as the present tariff hurts Oregon, send me a Republican, to the senate to change President Wilson's just enacted tariff law. THE VERIEST SCIOG-BOY KNOWS THAT THE PRESENT TARIFF WILL REMAIN AS IT IS UNTIL THE END OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S ADMINISTRATION, and at least as long after that—two or three years—as would be required for the changing of it by another administration, and in all probability until the country has tried it out. And this regardless of any number of standpat Republican Booths who may be sent to the senate by Oregon or other states.

—THOMAS W. LAWSON.

## FINE EMERGENCY RATION.

Quite recently a gentleman in Europe, observing the passage of some troops through a village, noticed the women, in their enthusiasm, offering little gifts to the soldiers, and, making some inquiries, ascertained that the soldiers almost invariably asked for chocolate or cigarettes. Lately European governments have made large purchases of chocolate, finding that it is the favorite emergency ration on account of its small bulk and the large amount of nutriment it contains.

For many years in this country Walter Baker & Co.'s chocolate has been recognized as an exceedingly valuable article of food; chocolate containing, as one authority has stated, "More flesh-forming matter than beef."

People are still searching for Captain Kidd's buried treasure. This looks like a waste of time, as the captain having money to burn, probably cremated it.

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