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HOW WARS ORIGINATE.

Wars do not commonly start from any adequate cause. Some, like the world war, originate principally from the determination of an aggressive power to secure desired advantages at any cost. But in most wars, groundless suspicion has played a large part.

Hence the biggest achievement of the arms conference may not be any succific treaty or agreement. It may rather lie in an intangible improvement of feeling, which works to quiet passion.

People of a quarrelsome nature in one country, will note that some move of military or naval preparation is being made in a rival land. They will talk in a heated way about it, and perhaps eventually force increased expenditure for similar purposes. Then a like group in the rival country will observe this move, and they will incite their fellow countrymen to match it by some further development. Thus the fighting weapons of both countries grow stronger.

These conditions increase taxes and create distress. That brings pressure to bear on statesmen to create better economic opportunities to balance burdens of military expense. They look around to see where they can find new territory into which their population can expand. The desire of rival nations for fresh regions to develop, brings their respective interests to a clash. As it is always difficult to discriminate between the right and wrong on such conflicts, each party may sincerely feel that its position is fair and just.

When a nation's rights are trampled upon, then you appeal to a nation's sense of pride and the fighting spirit gets hot. The country that feels a little the more confident of its military machine may start a war. And so the whole terrible evil and burden grows out of relatively slight causes.

The greatly improved feeling resulting from the Washington conference suggests that much has been done to remove these obscure causes of the awful curse of war.

COST OF OUR FOLLIES.

Some people who look around at the business and labor situation, and see people out of work, and things not going just right, are always ready to fall for revolutionary propaganda. They say the country should try socialism or bolshevism or anarchism, or some other ism. They should reflect carefully on the cost of popular follies, and see that as long as people will keep doing foolish things there will be many who have to pay the penalty under any economic system.

Extravagant and inefficient government is one of these follies. People have long tolerated the use of public office for political trading, and they put smart talkers and smooth handshakers in office, instead of competent men who could run business economically. The result is high taxes. This makes production cost high and many people are unable to buy products, thus throwing producers out of work.

Indolence and lack of industry is another folly. The man who fools around on his job and refuses to put his heart and energy into it, makes goods cost high. Again the result is to raise prices to the point where millions of people can't buy them. This results in a lack of orders to the factories, and many people are thrown out of work.

Personal extravagance is another folly. When money is spent on foolish luxuries, it is not deposited in banks nor put into sound investments. As a result, the banks and other keepers of money may not have any to lend, when people want to borrow to improve their property or build houses. When business men and farmers can't borrow money, they can't employ labor. This again throws people out of work.

And so one could go on enumerating popular follies that cost the country dear. The penalty for such follies would be still more severe under a socialistic system, since no incentive would be offered people to manifest industry and thrift and other virtues that are essential to human welfare.

AMERICAN VALUATION.

Some Oregon newspapers are urging their readers to sign petitions for the adoption of the "American valuation plan" in the proposed Fordney tariff bill, remarks the Salem Capital Journal.

The Amerian valuation plan means that duties will be charged on imports with the established selling price in American markets as a basis instead of the actual cost in foreign markets, as heretofore the case. By this ingenious device, importers will be forced to pay duty upon valuations fixed by American trusts in the United States.

The steel trust, which demands double the price from American consumers that it sells the same product abroad for, will have its monopoly protected by the American valuation plan, for the person seeking relief abroad would have to pay duty upon the price fixed by the trust for American markets, instead of the price the products were selling abroad for.

The newspapers, which have been forced by the rapacity of the coast newsprint trust to seek relief by buying abroad, would have to pay duty on paper imported on the valuation fixed by the trust for its home victims, to escape which the publishers go abroad. For instance, when coast mills demanded and got 8 cents for paper costing less than two cents a pound to manufacture, and which could be and was bought in Europe for two and three cents, the newspapers now clamoring for American valuation, would have to pay on eight cents valuation instead of two cents.

The American valuation plan is a clever device to strengthen the hold of the profiteering American trusts and monopolies.

The script for the comedy to be presented soon by Umpqua Post of the American Legion, arrived today. The charming comedy is to be directed by Ben Scoville, the well known actor and entertainer. The plot is quite unique and full of humorous situations which will undoubtedly please all of those who are in attendance. Rehearsals will start at once.

Prune Pickin's

By Bert G. Bates

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

It is reported
That the World War
Has brought about
A revival of religion
But the war may not
Be the cause for
There are so many
Fords out on Sunday
Now that people
Who own other kinds
Of cars are
Flocking to the
Churches for safety.

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THE MODERN MAID'S ROLE.

She rolls a wicked cigarette,
She rolls some wicked eyes.
She rolls a wicked pair of hips,
She's wicked rolling guys.

She rolls a wicked pair of dice,
She rolls a wicked rock,
But what makes her so popular is—
She rolls a wicked sock!

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A Tiller citizen dropped into Roseburg for a few days visit and was talking to a local butcher. The butcher though he would spring a gag on the Tillerite and said:

"Do you know what I weigh?"

"No," answered the Tiller native.

"Meat," replied the butcher with a chuckle.

This made the Tiller citizen mad clear through, but he slowly arose and motioned for the butcher to lean down so he could whisper in his ear.

"Do you know what I herd?"

"No."

"Sheep."

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WE ARE CURIOUS TO KNOW

Who picked the flavor of the mucilage now used on stamps?

What flavor is it?

Why can't we have chocolate, vanilla or strawberry?

Who figures out the numbers on dollar bills?

And freight cars?

Who first started calling dogs "Rover?"

Who is the unknown genius who composes the sentiments on rubber stamps?

Such as "Return for better address?"

And "Party unknown?"

"N. S. F.?"

"Fragile, do not crush?"

"This side up?"

"Handle with care?"

"Rush?"

"Is it true that these last two were written by a great humorist?

Who names all the streets that have no cedar trees on them, "Cedar street?"

And streets that never saw an elm. "Elm street?"

Why do women always wear out the toes of their shoes before men do?

Why do people dash across the street in front of flivvers and then turn around and watch them go by?

Who invented Ravioli?

What is it made of?

Who designs the animal crackers?

Who regulates the length of spaghetti?

Why do banks have so many vice-presidents?

What does the government do with all our money?

When are they going to reduce the income taxes?

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Pity the poor city girl who has to work in stuffy basketball rooms and bowling alleys so hard at night that she is too tired to help mother do the sweeping and dusting the next morning. With the country girl it's different. She don't have to wear her life out playing basketball and bowling and so has plenty of energy to swat the dirt.

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Ye ed. says not many people fear a black cat, but every one dreads the "obl cat" who is forever starting a lot of nasty gossip.

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THE WHITE PLAGUE.

Jack—"Did you hear about that terrible accident at the ball last night?"

Jill—"No, what was it?"

Jack—"Bess got too near an electric fan, and two men who were standing near and were almost suffocated by the dust."

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THE VERY DANGEROUS.

Loose nuts are dangerous, especially when one of them is driving.

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Love—An ocean of emotion entirely surrounded by expenses.

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LINES ON CREASED-ED TROUSERS.

He saw her, and within a month,
Fond hopes began to shoot;
He swore to her his mighty love
In a well press-ed suit.

No more his heart doth feed,
On love's uncertain fruit;
The twain are married now,
And she does press his suit.

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FROM HAND TO MOUTH.

Algy fell in love with a girl at the glove counter. He bought gloves every day for a week. To discourage his attentions she became a manicurist."

"Then he had his nails manicured every day, I suppose?"

"Just so. However, I don't think he will follow her any farther."

"Why not?"

"Then she got employment with a dentist."—London Tit-Bits.

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The Male Brute—I think that women are much better looking than men.

She—Naturally.

T. M. B.—No, artificially.

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FLOATING A LOAN.

He had met THE woman. Despite the fact that he'd only known her two days, it seemed as though he'd known her a lifetime. She had told him that. He had fifteen cents. She had the war tax. She borrowed his fifteen and ordered a nut sundae. She forgot to order the two spoons as is customary in such cases. He watched her eat it. She never paid him back. Moral: Never float a loan on a Marcel wave.—Ohio University Sun Dial.

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LAFE PERKINS SEZ:

"The feller with a long moustache has a heluva time drinkin' coffee."

What Tanlac has done for others it will do for you. Get a bottle from your druggist today.

Eugene Team to Meet R. H. S.

The first basketball game to be played on the local high school floor for some time will be when the Eugene high school comes here for a return game on next Friday night.

When the local basketball team met the Eugene school on their floor about the first of February the Eugene team was badly crippled by the loss of some of their best players from sickness. Since that time the Eugene team has made an excellent showing in their games with teams of Willamette valley and are in a far better condition to put up a strong fight than when they met the R. H. S. team the first of the basketball season. Still, the fact that the local team was very inexperienced and was on a strange floor must be considered. Since that time the local hoopers have had ten games with strong opponents and lost only one game which has given them a great deal of valuable experience and taught the men a number of valuable points in the game. The loss of George Singleton from sickness is going to weaken the team to some extent but there are a number of men of almost equal ability that will be brought into play and the loss will not be so perceptible as it otherwise would. Considering all things the game next Friday night will be one worthy of attendance.

The loss of the one game this season to Ashland on the Ashland floor will tie Roseburg and Ashland (providing Ashland beats Medford all four games which she has scheduled) for the southern Oregon championship. This means that the R. H. S. team will have to play the Ashland basketball team on some neutral floor, which will probably be at Medford natorium, and will require an unexpected expenditure on the part of the high school student body. It is hoped that the game with Eugene will be heavily attended for the double purpose of giving the local team the support which they will need and furnishing the school with money to send the team on the second southern Oregon trip to meet Ashland at Medford. The attendance to each succeeding game here has been greater each time and the Eugene game should be no exception because the northern team has been greatly strengthened and the Roseburg team has a big store of experience. The public is again urged to give the R. H. S. basketball boys their heartiest support by attending the game and rooting for the local boys at the high school gymnasium next Friday night at 7:30.

YOU CAN'T GO WRONG.

Solvax is always sold on a positive guarantee of relief to the kidney sufferer or money back. W. F. Chapman. Price 50 cents.

MICKIE SAYS

MILLINERY OPENING

Friday 3rd—Saturday 4th

BELL MILLINERY

Newest models from creators of fashion, the Fisk Hat, the Gage Hat—Exclusive, smart styles, features this Spring Opening. (The new shade, Periwinkle Blue).

Then comes the Chinese colors, blue, green, yellow and red. Orchid is once more in favor.

Braids in cellophane, Visca, and Tuscan. Trimmings of jet beads, wooden beads, tiny shells, hand-made flowers, red berries, black cherries, flowers in wood violet shades.

Will be on display Friday and Saturday. New Spring suits, new coats, new capes, new waists, new skirts, new gloves.

We welcome you to our Opening.

BELL MILLINERY

FRIDAY 3rd—SATURDAY 4th

STATE PRESS COMMENT

Costly Responsiveness.

"The great benefit of the direct primary," observes the Pendleton East Oregonian, "is that it makes public officials responsive, not to the political bosses, but to the people." It is the old familiar argument; it is not true in any sense that public officials are thus made to consider and promote always the best interests of the people. It has not kept politicians out of office; it has put politicians in office, every one operating on his own account.

The cost of government in Oregon has increased during the past twenty years five times, and in some instances ten times. Is it mere coincidence that this heavy increase has been coincident with the establishment and operation of the new political system? Or is it not?

Undoubtedly there were abuses—gross abuses—in former days under the "boss" system. It is largely buncombe, however, that it was a boss system, and nothing else. Taxes were low. That was before the days when there was so much vote-catching talk about "service" to the public, with no effective talk at all about its cost.

Now that the taxpayer is finding it hard to pay he is beginning to look for ways of relief. There will be precious little relief so long as the public places its affairs in the hands of an officialdom that is "responsive to the public," when its methods of responsiveness is to please this or thata particular group or interest, demanding something for itself, so that in the end everybody gets what he wants. The accumulating result is staggering.

Now, of course, nobody wants a "boss." But the great need of the time is public officials who will be responsive to considerations of the general public welfare, anad not to considerations of votes.—Portland Oregonian.

Tax Reduction Comedy.

J. C. Cooper, the man who is now head of the tax reduction association of Oregon, and whose slogan is "Vote 'em Off," admitted at Tuesday's meeting that he was the man who secured $2,000,000 in pensions for the Indian war veterans. This was many years ago, when he was not wearing his future for a bustle. Today he is opposed to any activity that will cost a cent. In a burst of confidence, he admitted this action of his. He might have been a booster once, but his gas bag is deflated now, and is wabbling about on the ground where the pilot can see nothing but mud and filth and ruin. A ripple on the slough of despond assumes the proportions of a tidal wave that threatens to enguif civilization.—Benton County Courier.

Public Service Commission.

We are no special admirers of the public service commissioners or their actions. We have criticized all of them, and believe all three of them have weakly played politics on many occasions. But we doubt whether any better men can be induced to run for an office which is so thankless and which subjects its occupants to so much abuse. And we know that a nigh degree of moral courage, perhaps the most desperate moral courage of men who feel they must do right even when their backs are to the wall, was required in order to render this decision. Therefore we say, all honor to these men, who in the face of a political campaign and in the severest hour of trial had the nerve to stand by the evidence that was before them.—Oregon Voter.

Chronic Grouch.

The need of more rest and play for Americans was urged by an eminent doctor in an address before the Chicago Medical society. He told his hearers that Americans suffer from "chronic grouch" explained further that trouble is not grouch but just a symptom. The fatigue intoxication."

It comes from too too little relaxation. the most valuable munity. It never chooses this worker ly and physically the greatest amount or the community is sible time. In their the true relation of a breakdown is the Work is to promote stroy it. When grouch" betrays that ning to prey upon rest and play.—Albany

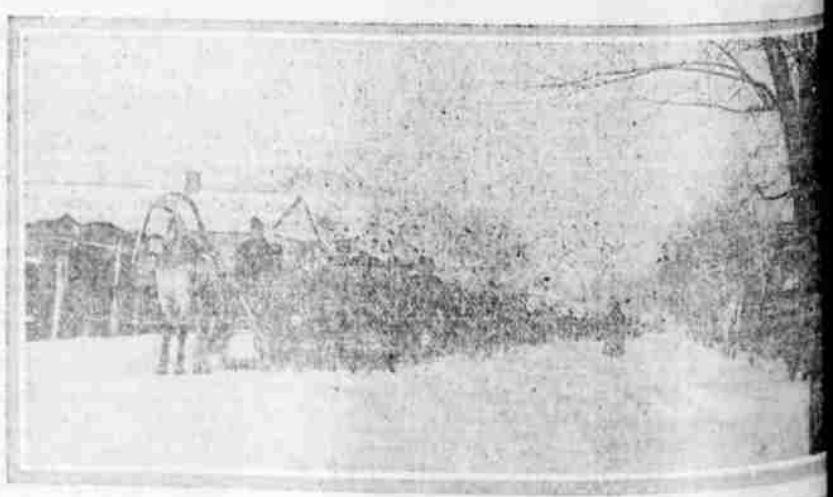
Olalla Postoffice to Be Discontinued

After an existence of or longer, the post office will be discontinued this year, according received at the Roseburg Inability of the present cure a suitable applicant mastership is reported son for the discontinuance considered probable that will be made when the established. It has been have the option of send mail from either Roseburg or Camas Valley, which would have continued ately upon completion od new, hard surfaced Roseburg to Coos, which through Olalla, but the Instead. The adoption highway for a star cause the Rockway move about one-fourth about it.

AUCTION

Parties wishing to for their personal Radabaugh, Auctioneer St.

Sled Trains Are Used by American Relief Administration Workers in Russia to Deliver Food to Starv



THIS is the way American food for starving Russians is delivered in certain sections of the famine-stricken country.

The picture was taken upon the arrival of the first American Relief Administration transport at Sterlecta-mak, capital of the Bashkir Republic. The sled train is laden with food, drawn many miles from the nearest railroad station, to be distributed among the famished children through the ARA feeding stations established there.

Cables tell of the joyful reception which this relief party met upon arrival at Sterlecatamak. The hungry inhabitants were in desperate straits, as they are pretty much throughout the Volga Valley section, and this American food was a God-send. Children flocked about the sled-loads of supplies and assisted in unloading and guarding the treasured cargoes until kitchens were set up and distribution began.

The Bashkir Republic is one of the hardest hit among those which felt the heavy hand of starvation, following the great drought. The ARA lost no time in getting food to many of the remote places in this republic, sending out relief parties from Sterlecta-mak, which is the principal supply station in the Bashkir Republic.

The condition of the natives there continues to be serious. In many districts there is no food whatever. Substitutes, when they can be found, are used. These have been prone to induce illness in most cases. Chronic dysentery and malnutrition have weakened the children to a pitiable extent. Deaths through starvation have been common. Many, in an effort to flee the stricken section, have died by the roadside while conducting a futile search for food. Those who remained, principally because they could not find ways and means to leave, had to await the arrival of food provided through the generosity of the American people. The work of relieving the situation due to the shortage of food is being conducted by the ARA

The delivery of many ages, sent through the Remittance system by friends in America has situation somewhat. adults, however, are These remittances can anyone in America, upon to the office of the ARA way, New York. In 810, 117 pounds of including flour, rice cooking fats, sugar and to the stipulated group of individuals.

Many of the younger the famine zone are without clothing to protect them killing hours of the Inasmuch as no appeal the ARA program for relief, funds for this work cured through public Anyone can help in ing funds to the ARA New York City.