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"I pledge allegiance to my Flag, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All."

A BOY'S TRIBUTE Prettiest girl I've ever seen Is Ma. Lovelier than any queen Is Ma. Girls with curls go walking by, Dainty, graceful, bold and shy, But the one that takes my eye Is Ma. Every girl made into one Is Ma. Sweetest girl to look upon Is Ma. Seen 'em short and seen 'em tall, Seen 'em big and seen 'em small, But the finest one of all Is Ma. Best of all the girls on earth Is Ma. One that all the rest is worth Is Ma. Some have beauty, some have grace, Some look nice in silk and lace, But the one that takes first place Is Ma. Sweetest singer in the land Is Ma. She that has the softest hand Is Ma. Tenderest, gentlest nurse is she, Full of fun as she can be, An' the only girl for me Is Ma. Bet if there's an angel here Is Ma. If God has a sweetheart dear, Is Ma. Take the girls that artists draw, An' all the girls I ever saw, The only one without a flaw Is Ma. —Edgar A. Guest, in Detroit Free Press.

I. W. W. SCHEME WOULD MEAN SAVAGERY With a membership of fewer than 100,000, the I. W. W. represents one-thousandth part of the population of the United States, and it boasts a purpose to seize all the possessions of all the other people in America. It is going to "take possession of the land and machinery of production," and does "not intend to buy them, either."

The just principle of a fair day's wage for a fair day's work, or a fair day's service to industry and society, is to be abolished by this revolutionary organization, and we are further told that "the question of right and wrong does not concern" the men in this organization.

As the American people have not gone crazy, there is not the slightest danger that this fantastic scheme will carry. Sensible and fair-minded people are in a very large majority in this country, and are not foolish enough to plunge the nation into savagery.

If the I. W. W. had its reckless way it would bring about conditions worse than savagery, for even the savage has respect for the property rights of the individual. Carried to its logical conclusion, the doctrine of the I. W. W. would lower civilization to animalism. Man would become as a wild beast of the forest, seizing the food and raiment of those weaker than himself and running away with it into hiding.

If the elements that make up the I. W. W. movement were given a free hand they would Mexicanize this country. Indeed, a bond of sympathy has long existed between their members along the Mexican border and Villa, and that bandit's raiding armies have been recruited from time to time from I. W. W. elements in this country.

These disloyal men will go as far with their destructive program as a long-tolerant public will permit them. Their official publications expressly declare that the "tactics used are determined by the power of the organization to make good in their use." Or, as Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, their acknowledged high priestess, states it, they will use "intimidation, coercion and any means necessary to gain the end," the end being plunder and the confiscation of property.—Spokesman-Review.

The city needs a fire truck. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure and a stitch in time saves nine. Ten minutes late at a fire might mean the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of property that could have been saved.

OUR COUNTY FAIR There is no reason why the Columbia County Fair should not be one of the best county fairs held in the state. Columbia county soil will grow anything, so we should have fine agricultural exhibits. Columbia county cattle, which graze in fields green throughout the entire year, should be the best cattle, and Columbia county fruit shows up well with fruit grown in any section of the state. The only thing lacking is interest in showing what we can and do produce. The fair dates are September 19, 20 and 21, and exhibitors should bear this in mind for the old saying, "Time flies," has never been disputed, and we must make haste to grow and show our best products. If a good showing is made, it will attract strangers to invest in our county and we need more investors and more development in the county. And after the exhibitor has gone to the trouble of assembling his exhibit, it is up to the people of the county to attend the fair, for we discourage the enterprising exhibitor by staying at home and not showing our appreciation of his efforts. To make a success of the fair, we must all work together; we must have a community and county spirit, and the fair will be a success and benefit.

WARRENTON SHOULD BE CONSIDERED "We prefer bitulthle and note that the state highway commission has let a contract to the Warren Construction Company for ten miles of that pavement between Astoria and Svenson. Of course Warrenton, having always taxed itself to the maximum for good roads, will not get anything out of the state fund, but we suggest to the highway commission that the views of this community as to where the highway should be constructed are entitled to some consideration. With a hard-surfaced road through this city there is neither sense nor right in paying the cutoff, either out of state or county funds, merely to save thirty seconds of time to the autoists."—Warrenton News.

The News is right. Warrenton has contributed her share towards every improvement made in Clatsop county and now, according to the Bowly survey, the permanent highway will leave that energetic, enterprising town a few miles from the highway and take a cutoff to save motorists a mile traveling and several minutes time. Mr. Thompson, highway commissioner, this item is respectfully referred to you, for you promised in your La Grande speech that wherever it was possible the highway would be built to serve local communities. We don't believe you will reing in this instance.

ADJUSTING LABOR DIFFICULTIES IN OREGON Governor Withycombe's plan of a board of conciliation and arbitration, to which may be submitted all difficulties which arise in Oregon between labor and capital, is conceived in good spirit and should have the ready approval of both interests. The governor will ask labor to name three members, the employers to designate three, and for the seventh member will appoint the chief justice of the state supreme court. The plan has aspects of entire fairness.

Arbitrary action by employers or an uncompromising stand by employees over differences of wages, hours and working conditions is wrong at any time, and would be particularly deplorable now that the country is at war and needs to exert its maximum industrial powers.

In adjusting differences a board of conciliation and arbitration could appeal with effectiveness, in a great majority of cases, to the patriotic sense of duty of both sides to the controversy. Better results, though, would be likely through boards constituted with a larger element of neutrality—say, two members to be named by labor, two by the employing interests and three nonpartisan by the governor.—Exchange.

The recent Rainier chautauqua was a success from every standpoint except one—and that was financially, so a number of loyal and enterprising Rainier business men made up a deficit. Rainier is too small a city to stage such a big show and make of it a financial success, so the people of every town in the county, and especially St. Helens, should consider that the chautauqua is their show as well as Rainier's, and be regular attendants and buyers of season tickets. Certainly there are none of us small enough to expect the good people of Rainier to make personal sacrifices in order that we may see a \$1 show for 35 cents. The chautauqua is big enough and good enough to belong to the entire county and we hope that when it is staged next year our people will strongly support it.

A slender case tried in the circuit court last week in which the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff should be an object lesson to gossipers and defamers.

A report from Pendleton states that all building in Pendleton has stopped so the men employed in city work can aid in harvesting the big wheat crop of Umatilla county. This is the Pendleton unselfish spirit. Would we had more of it in St. Helens.

Press dispatches state "another contingent of the American army has arrived in France." This must be cheerful information to the kaiser and his submarine chief.

The Oregon City Enterprise says that the counties which were opposed to the road bonds were the first to ask for hard-surfaced roads at the state's expense.

BOTH PLAYED FAIR Story of a Railroad President and a Labor Leader.

When Matthew C. Brush, president of the Boston Elevated railroad, found his men were getting restless he settled the trouble in characteristic fashion. In the American Magazine Alfred Grunberg says: "Constant argument did not appeal to Brush. It was not his way of doing business. He buckled up his belt and plunged into the muddle. His first move was to call W. D. Mahon, head of the National Carmen's union, into his office and lock the door.

"Now, Mahon," he said, drawing up a chair and leaning forward with his friendly smile, "we're here in my office. The doors are locked. There are no stenographers concealed anywhere, no dictagraphs, no one to listen. The curtains are drawn. We're here alone. But before we can do anything I've got to know you and you've got to know me. You tell me all about yourself, and I'll tell you who I am and what I've done." "And thus the labor leader and the frank, friendly railroad official drew back the curtains of reticence and suspicion and showed each other the goods that were within them. Mahon saw Brush the newsboy and Brush the vice president. Brush saw Mahon as a fellow man whose heart was bound up in the welfare of labor.

"Mahon found out that I was square," Brush said afterward, "and I found out that he was square. He was open and honest; so was I. We were both convinced that neither one was trying to play tricks on the other." "For nineteen hours the two men, behind locked doors, debated the complex problems, each zealous for the interests he represented. At the end of that time the labor leader walked out with a mutual agreement in his hand. Not only was this agreement satisfactory to the company, but unions have called it one of the finest documents of its kind ever drawn up."

GREAT INDUSTRIAL RAILROAD SYSTEM

The Oregon Short Line is part of the great Union Pacific system which is managed from Salt Lake for the states of Utah, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Oregon.

The average number of employees for May, 1917, in these five states was 9,355, with a monthly payroll of \$840,672.21, an increase over same month in 1916 of \$192,459.77.

The total payrolls for calendar year 1916 was \$8,725,49, estimated increase for 1917 payroll being \$2,162,355.86, or over 25 per cent increase for wages alone.

Expenditures for material charged to operating expense in 1916 was \$4,522,096.56. Estimate for materials required in 1917, \$6,794,481.94, an increase of \$2,172,385.38.

Budget Appropriations, 1917. Additions and betterments, \$4,989,347 Equipment 570,225 Construction 555,000

Total budgets \$4,114,572 State taxes paid in 1916 in five states were \$1,518,182.70. Federal taxes in same states, \$270,017.60.

This railroad is the biggest single industrial enterprise in the five states mentioned in the matter of payrolls, taxes paid and materials purchased.

LIVE A CHEERFUL LIFE

Look on the Bright Side and Enjoy What You Have.

When we are in trouble we are prone to cry out about it, complaining that we are unjustly used, that no one else has suffered as we do. When things go well with us we take it as a matter of course that so it ought to be. We are not largely given to gratitude.

We may have food enough, a comfortable shelter, be clothed comfortably; we may have health and employment in such labor as we are able and like to perform; we may have a competence which puts us above anxiety—and still find fault and complain.

Some one may have a better dress, or a handsomer car, or may entertain more elaborately, or is greater in popular favor than ourselves. There

is something that does not please us. Instead of being glad that there are so many things to make us happy we complain and find fault. We let a "crumpled roseleaf" spoil our joy amidst a wealth of things that should make us glad.

Why not set the mind on the good things of life? Ignore the things that are pretty and of really small consequence. Cultivate a cheerful habit of mind, looking for all that is good and appreciating the blessings that have fallen to our share.

For every one there is something to enjoy. The sun at least shines for all. When you are heavy hearted count up the good things of life that are yours to enjoy.—Chicago Post.

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