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THE KAISER'S LOST CHANCE.

Sir Basil Thompson, celebrated British criminologist, says that the German kaiser was not responsible for the invasion of Belgium. Here is his version of that great crime, as obtained through Scotland Yard.

"The general staff had resolved upon the invasion of Belgium and they put their plans before the kaiser. He vetoed them.

"This situation continued for 48 hours and after the general staff had issued orders for the army to advance, Von Moltke went to the kaiser's bedroom at 2 o'clock in the morning and asked him to sign the order. He refused. Von Moltke then said that the safety of the fatherland had devolved upon the general staff and, 'if your majesty refuses to sign, the general staff must take the responsibility.'

"In other words, the kaiser must choose between abdication and approval, and he took the latter course."

If this is true, it certainly sheds a new light on Wilhelm, though not an altogether flattering light. It shows him not the leading war criminal, but a man who, knowing better, became a party to the crime for the sake of holding his job. Moral cowardice is not much preferable to deliberate criminality.

Again, supposing this story true, what a chance Wilhelm threw away. An uncompromising refusal to order the crucifixion of Belgium would have meant moral greatness of a rare degree, and corresponding fame in history. And if Wilhelm had abdicated rather than commit that outrage and left his Prussian militarists to their fate, he might have returned in triumph after their defeat to become the head of a new, regenerated Germany.

DESTROYING THE SEED.

The Columbia river is now famous because of its wonderful scenic highway. Once it was famous because of its salmon, but year by year shrinkage of both the quality and the quantity of its famed Chinook, together with the extermination of the Blueback, has relegated it into a second class salmon stream.

Down on the lower Columbia thirteen or fourteen canneries are canning fall salmon. Any one of these plants could have canned all the fish that have been caught from September 10th to date. During this period all the other coast streams have been literally alive with salmon.

Why should these rivers and bays along the coast be blocked with fish while the Columbia yields but a pittance? Well, stranger, along about 1901 there were very few salmon in these coast streams. They were fished out by every mechanical contrivance adaptable to their waters including the wagon and pitchfork operating on the shallow creek bottom spawning beds.

Somehow laws were passed establishing dead lines which roughly meant that no fishing was permitted above tide water. In addition to this traps and seines were barred. Simple common sense thing to do and effective because since 1904 these streams have been bursting with fish. If this method had been applied to the Columbia there would be thirty canneries running full blast instead of thirteen plants dividing up the work one could easily handle.

Commercial salmon fishing must stop above the junctions of the Sandy and Columbia rivers. At this point the mother salmon are each heavy with their four thousand ripe eggs. Above this point they are flung from the seines and fish wheels dripping with motherhood. Workmen wade on the river sand bars and cannery floors knee-deep in ripe eggs.

Russia ate her seed crop—Oregon and Washington can theirs. — The Manufacturer.

CURE TO COME.

It is only a matter of a short time before a union high school will be located in St. Helens or along the highway in some site most convenient to the people it will serve. The population of the several communities nearby St. Helens is increasing, therefore there is an increase in the school attendance. The schools are improving and there is more of a desire among the pupils to get a high school education after completing the grade studies. It is not possible to have a high school in each school district, so it appears that the logical solution of the matter is to have a union high school to serve several districts. The idea of such an institution is gaining and it is a matter of only a short time before the idea will develop into some concrete and feasible proposition.

WOMEN ROAD BUILDERS

A group of women who live in a Maryand suburb of Washington could not get the authorities to fix up the roads, so they have been doing the job themselves and doing it well. It is not an ideal state of affairs when work which should be done by public officials should be

left for private individuals, but the spirit which puts the necessary improvement through is commendable. The state road commissioner contributed one scraper. The women, in their turn, gave dinners, dances and teas to raise funds for further equipment and supplies. They have done all the work themselves, including putting in a culvert, and the highway now is ready for its top dressing of gravel.

According to their own report, these women have had a good time as well as plenty of hard work. They now have a good road instead of a bad one. They could not force the proper authorities to action in this one instance, but they found out pretty well where the trouble lies and are rarely fitted now for using the ballot to reform a faulty highway policy. What they have learned about road construction will make them better judges of roads than many men.

WOMEN REDEEM TOWN OF MILTON.

The poets never lack appreciation of lovely woman's capacity to do things. Passing by the ungallantry of the author of Genesis in crediting Eve with starting man's eviction from Eden and the hardly chivalrous statement of Kipling that "the female of the species is more deadly than the male." The Mist notes that Vergil credited the creation of Carthage to Queen Dido. A woman, he confessed, was the leader of the achievement.

The potency and leadership of woman through the ages get concrete illustration close at home. Twenty years ago, when the men of Milton, Ore., shrank before "a blind pig," the praying ladies of the town prayed it out of existence and the proprietor out of their community.

Since then Milton, which was one of the first towns in the northwest to outlaw the liquor business, has had next to no difficulty from it.

The story of the community has for two decades been one of advance, materially and culturally. Measured in terms of money the progress in prosperity is declared by the increase in the price of land. At Freewater, the town's twin only a mile away, an acre that was offered in 1871 for \$1.25 now commands \$300, or even \$1500.

When our women organize it always is to better the community. When they push ahead anything in the way gets out of the way. Such women as Milton's are a bigger asset than a big deposit in a bank.

MAKE THEM MAKE GOOD.

In many parts of the country the American people have spoken again at the polls, and a new list of public officials are coming into office.

If they keep only a small portion of their campaign promises they will make history as no other officials have ever done before.

The Store of Dependable Time-Pieces

JEWELRY BUYING WHERE EVERY PURCHASE IS A BARGAIN

You can't make a mistake in your purchases at this store. The very character of the goods means lasting service and memorable quality, woven into them by each individual manufacturer.

From the gift of a watch by father to son, to silverware, silver novelties, jewelry in all its remarkable and artistic variety, down to very small but acceptable gifts, the value of self-evident.

Von A. Gray Reliable Jeweler

Appetizing Lunches FOR Particular People

We serve a Special Noon-Day Lunch and Lunches at Any Time of the Day. Prices reasonable — Quality Excellent.

HOT DRINKS

- Hot Chocolate Hot Malted Milk Hot Bouillon and Soda Fountain Specialties

A nice line of the best makes of High Grade Candy

MASON'S Rutherford Building St. Helens

Making promises comes easy to a candidate. It is part of the game. Forgetting them comes quite as easy to the elected official. That, also, is part of the game. But now that the elections are over, and new officials will be entering upon their careers, the public should be as prompt in reminding them of their promises as they were prolific in making them. Put the boot on the other foot and see how long it can be worn.

THE RIGHT ACTION.

Those voters of St. Helens school district who attended the budget meeting Monday evening showed the right spirit when they adopted the budget as prepared by the school directors who had given much time and attention to going over the many details incident to preparing the table of expense. Oftentimes the least interested party goes to a school meeting for the purpose of finding fault and not to offer constructive criticism or helpful suggestions. The school and school affairs are of such importance to this and to every other community that they deserve and should have the thoughtful aid of public spirited citizens.

Uneasy lies the head that has a public office. Such head is full of ideas as to what Governor-elect Pierce is going to do. To relieve such suspense it would be a safe guess for such uneasy ones to begin looking for a new job, for undoubtedly Mr. Pierce will preside at the pte counter and "deserving democrats" will get the large slices.

BAND DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

In order to raise funds for instruction, members of the recently organized St. Helens bands will give a dance at the city hall tomorrow night. The floor of the hall has been put in excellent condition and with the good music which is certain to be had dancers will have an enjoyable evening. Members of the band preferred to raise funds in this manner instead of soliciting among the business men and they hope for a large attendance. It is the purpose of the members, since they once have the band organized, to keep it together and add more members. The admission to the dance is \$1 for gentlemen and ladies free.

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GOVERNOR OLCOTT ISSUES PROCLAMATION

The following Thanksgiving proclamation has been issued by Governor Olcott to all the people of Oregon:

"In accordance with annual custom and following the suggestions of the President of the United States, Oregon again will lay aside her busy cares for a day to render thanks for the manifold blessings bestowed by an omniscient creator. 'For all of these blessings; for our resources; for our rugged and our bewitching scenery; for brave and true hearts in men and women, truly may we pour out full mists of thanks, as God has been bountiful, indeed.

"But may we also ask that this be a day of peace and forgiveness. That it may be a day on which the people set aside forever any ill-timed rancor if such may exist. That the people of the state may remember above all that all are brothers and sisters, fellow Americans. That they may remember the true spirit of America echoes from a spring deeper than the superficial flow of factionalism or shallow feud.

"May it be a day of thanksgiving in which we all raise our voices in unison, remembering the time honored injunction that we read the same Bible and worship the same God.

"Hours of tribulation and trial are sure to fall upon a people torn asunder by strife and dissension. Our democracy was cradled in the belief and nurtured in the thought that all men are created equal and given the inalienable right to worship God as their own conscience might dictate. Every nation that has strayed from that doctrine has been split on the rock of destruction or has toiled its weary way through centuries of blood, travail and tears.

"We are at the crossroads. To the right stands an American, imperishable upon the rock of eternal truth. To the left lies an America bleeding, torn by strife and dissension. May the God of our Father preserve us from pursuing the left hand turning.

"Firm in the belief that our people may throw aside the cause of strife and stand firm, united in common patriotism, and that this may be a Thanksgiving day when a common voice raises itself to reach the ears of our common Creator, I, Ben W. Olcott, by virtue of the authority in me vested as governor of the state of Oregon, hereby do proclaim and declare Thursday, November 30, A. D., 1922, as Thanksgiving day within the state of Oregon.

Large advertisement for Chesterfield Cigarettes with the headline 'Cause and Effect' and a graphic of a cigarette pack.

Advertisement for Mason's restaurant, listing lunch specials and location at Rutherford Building, St. Helens.

Advertisement for DeLaval Cream Separators, featuring a testimonial and contact information for H. A. Colt.

Advertisement for First National Bank, highlighting safety deposit boxes and bank services.

Advertisement for Rutherford Realty Co., listing various real estate properties for sale or rent.

Large advertisement for Pearl Oil, featuring an illustration of a woman and a child, and text describing the benefits of the oil.