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BUSINESS MEN AND PEACE.

Business men of the United States are being asked to express an opinion concerning matters relating to war and peace, says the Deseret News. Questions are being submitted to Commercial clubs under the auspices of the Carnegie Endowment.

There can be but one opinion among intelligent business men on these questions. Business needs peace. War means the interruption of business, the destruction of property, the tearing up of lines of communication, and general devastation. We need only look to Mexico for a true demonstration of what war means to business. And the condition of Mexico today was the condition of the greater part of Europe during the Thirty-years war.

Business men need expanding markets, satisfactory money conditions, and freedom from industrial trouble. They need a steady rising demand at home and abroad for the products of labor; they must have some security from panic, and there must be capital for investment and good wages to enable the producer to buy what he needs; they also need an assurance that contracts will be kept, and that work will not be continually interrupted by strikes and violence.

Now, all these conditions can be met only when the energy of nations is directed toward peaceful occupations. For instance, the Russian government decides to spend \$600,000,000 for a navy. All that money will have to be paid by people, many of whom are too poor to have a good meal, or a decent suit of clothes. And when that money is wrung from them, they will be still less able to buy food and clothing. Suppose that Russia would expend, instead, \$600,000,000 on redeeming Siberia and making it a Canada, millions would find support as a result of the investment, instead of, as now, becoming poorer. Siberia would then be opened up to the makers of machinery and its products would go to all parts of the world in exchange for necessaries and luxuries of life. That would mean business. By building battleships nothing of permanent value is produced. That is to say, the money is wasted, except in so far as the ship is needed to protect the commerce.

Business needs freedom from industrial troubles, but this will never be attained until militarism is done away with. From the military, ridden countries of Europe come the ideas that ripen into anarchism, syndicalism, I W.-ism, and the business world is constantly troubled by such isms.

For the last forty years the great powers have had about five million men in the military camps and spent something like two billion dollars a year for their training and maintenance. Let us suppose that the same powers should have spent two billion dollars a year on the training of men for the actual duties of life, how much better off would not the world have been today! It is the military burden that is crushing prosperity out of nations and driving those sensitive of their miseries into rebellion. It is true enough that much of the agitation is due to professional agitators, but they succeed only because they speak what many would like to say, if they were public speakers. They succeed because they express an existing sentiment, born by conditions due to the sacrifices laid every day upon the altar

of Mars. This truth business men understand.

Of course, no sane person advocates the doing away with armies and navies by one nation, as long as others keep them up. We may deplore the necessity of armed forces, but as long as the necessity exists the responsibility cannot be shirked. But peace friends hope to bring about a public sentiment in favor of some other and better methods than war by which to settle international disputes. They hope to induce governments to establish tribunals before which such disputes can be decided in accordance with international law. Disputes there will always be. Even during the Millennium nations will have questions to arbitrate. But during that time the Lord will "judge" between them. There will be no war. And that is the great change peace friends hope to bring about by educational means.

ALFALFA MAXIMS.

The word now comes from Canada that alfalfa, the wonderful wealth producer is the best suited to the conditions of farming in that region also. The Toronto Globe has prepared a list of alfalfa maxims, which it will pay our Western farmers also to study. Here are the maxims:

- "Alfalfa is the best soil doctor.
"Alfalfa adds humus to the soil.
"Alfalfa increases the milk flow.
"Alfalfa is high in feeding value.
"Alfalfa balances the corn ration.
"Grow your protein—don't buy it.
"Alfalfa sod grows larger corn crops.

"Alfalfa is the greatest of all sub-soilers.

"Alfalfa has no equal as a hog pasture.

"Alfalfa keeps stock in good condition.

"Alfalfa should be grown on every farm.

"An alfalfa field is a hog's idea of heaven.

"Foxtail is the greatest enemy of alfalfa.

"Growing alfalfa is a good business farming.

"Alfalfa means more money and better homes.

"Raise what you feed and feed what you raise.

"Alfalfa does things, and never loaf on the job.

"Alfalfa with a fair chance, always makes good.

"Alfalfa fills the haymow and pays for the privilege.

"Alfalfa is the cheapest and best feed for beef and cattle.

"Alfalfa insures larger yields from the crops that follow.

"Alfalfa contains more protein to the ton than clover or corn.

"Alfalfa is the agricultural wonder of the Twentieth Century.

"Alfalfa yields from two to three times as much as clover or timothy, and is more valuable than hay."

INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS

Salem, May 21. — (Special) — A review of the state primary election from an industrial and business standpoint shows that a great step in advance has been taken toward sane policies favorable to development.

Conservative candidates have been nominated by the Republicans, Democrats and Progressives.

Every candidate who stood for a radical or freak policy in the race for governor has been snowed under and one of the nominees has come out for a program of industrial upbuilding.

Those advocating the \$1,500 tax exemption and the taxation of estates to support the unemployed on good wages were badly left.

Many of the candidates for governor initiated a part of their campaign, bills containing radical propositions and some of these will have to go on the ballot in November.

Some candidates won places on the party tickets because they were in office and had the advantage of running against a divided field and are minority nominees.

At the November election there will be further security of the various party candidates and a further weed-

ing out from the standpoint of a return to good business conditions.

The result of the primary is to show that the people of Oregon are tired of crucifying industries and enterprises at the bid of political adventurers.

PERSONALS

Wm. Keefe of La Grande, went to Union this noon on business. He will return tonight.

Mrs. Herbert G. Voruz of Baker, came to La Grande this morning between trains, on business. She returned on No. 6.

Mrs. W. W. Gray of this city left this morning for Portland where she will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Parker.

Joe and Robert Menefee brothers of Mrs. Judson who was operated on yesterday, returned to their respective home this morning.

Mrs. Frances Donahoe of Chehalis, Wash., left this morning after a week's visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kirtley.

H. Moncrief of San Francisco, visited for a number of days with his aunt, Mrs. H. A. Thomas of this city. He returned to his home this morning.

Mrs. J. W. Parker of Hood River who has been visiting with her mother, Mrs. Yeck at Elgin, passed through the city this morning on her way home.

Mrs. Le Roy Morgan of Kamela who has been in the city several days visiting with her sister, Gertrude Biever and brothers Jake and Pete, left this morning for home.

Mrs. J. H. Dupes of Pleasant Valley, returned this morning from Portland. During her stay in La Grande she will be the guest of Mrs. Frank Rechlin.

Mrs. M. J. McCray of Freewater, returned home this morning after a delightful visit at the home of her son and daughter-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Arch Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cleghorn of Coos Bay, arrived in the city today to visit with relatives for a week or ten days. From here they will go on to Salt Lake and Denver for the summer.

Chief Engineer J. R. Holman of the O.-W. passed through the city yesterday on his private car on a tour of inspection. Superintendent Bolons accompanied him out of La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Welgo of Enid, Oklahoma, who have been in La Grande visiting with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welgo, left this morning for Portland where they will visit with other relatives and friends for an indeterminate time.

L. A. McAllister recently appointed chief store keeper for this division of the O.-W. obtained leave of absence to go back to Vancouver, Washington, to bring his family to this city, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, County School Superintendent, went to Summerville this morning to deliver the commencement address and to attend the school picnic which is given by the teachers and pupils of the Summerville school.

R. Schwaiger of North Platte, Nebraska, who has been visiting his sister Mrs. E. Polack for some three months returned this morning. Mr. Schwaiger owns extensive farming interests in Nebraska, but has leased same.

Clarence Charbonneau who has been visiting in Portland, Seattle, Snohomish, Washington, and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho returned this morning. He states that business conditions in the Sound country are somewhat dull, but that prospects are good for a busy summer. He is an employe of the O.-W.

W. E. Kepplinger, principal of the Edgard schools, who has been in the city a number of days since the close of his school, left this noon for Union to visit with old friends. He is going to spend part of the sum-

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mer at the state normal in Monmouth.

Miss Elsie Couch returned this morning from Berkley, California, where she was graduated in English this year. She has taken a four-year course in academic subjects, specializing in English. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Couch of Island City and a granddaughter of Mrs. J. M. McCall.

FOLEY TAXI HOTEL

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The Undistracted Critic.

Last autumn, in a village inn parlor in central New England, I picked up a work of fiction and found, carefully noted in a copper plate chirography on one of the blank fly leaves of the book, a list of the things which had, presumably, most impressed its owner in reading the story. The list ran as follows: "Page 114, line 3, split infinitive. "Page 263, line 17, should be whom "Page 391, line 12, is this construction allowable?" "Great heavens!" I thought as I laid the volume reverently back on the center table (the slipshod critic in me recognizing the master spirit in the unknown commentator. "What poise, what self possession, what splendidly insulated steadfastness of purpose! Just think of standing unstartled and undistracted amid a spectacle of foundering faiths and sundering systems, with a tremorless, micrometric and accusatory finger upon a split infinitive!" —Life.

Mustard in Ancient Times.

Mustard is one of the most ancient of medicines. Pythagoras, who flourished between 500 and 600 years before Christ, mentions it. Hippocrates, who was born in 460 B. C., employed it. Pliny the elder, writing in 77 A. D., describes three different kinds of mustard and says the seeds were imported to Italy from Egypt originally.

The Romans used it as a stimulant after a cold bath. They mixed mustard oil and olive oil in equal parts and used this as a liniment for stiffness of the muscles. They knew the virtues of mustard poultices and of mustard as an emetic. As a remedy for the stings of scorpions and serpents they pounded it, mixed it with vinegar and applied it to the wound.

They also made a drink out of it, fermenting the seed in a fiery spirit. The liquor thus produced they called mustard ardens, which means burning wine. The word mustard is probably derived from this.—New York World.

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