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HANDICAPPING A NATION

In making its final attack upon the International Harvester company the government asserts that good actions cannot excuse a trust. Trusts are against the law, therefore they must not exist, no matter how much good they do or attempt to do. Though a trust treats labor more fairly than small operators, serves its customers more promptly, expands its foreign trade and so helps to keep the artisans of the United States busy if the institution is branded with outlawry.

This is rather absurd. While it is not admitted that the end justifies the means, juries and courts are forever taking into account extenuating circumstances. Good actions should weigh even more heavily in business which is not inherently sinful or criminal. If a trust by more efficient method in the prosecution of its business inflicts minor damages upon a few competitors and benefits a considerable section of the public any court sitting in the public interest and not confining itself to hair splitting technicalities must take its good actions into consideration.

The trouble with anti-trust laws is that they were written with the prime intent of preserving competition. Apparently that authors did not take in to account the fact that the time might come when competition would be of less benefit to the public than monopoly under adequate regulation. Now competition can no more be kept alive by law than the feudal regime which it supplanted could be kept alive by law. The effort was made by bold men, but it failed. By limiting liberty of combination in order to preserve small operators from the natural results of natural forces, the government seriously handicaps the industrial development of the United States. That handicap shows up particularly in foreign trade where our exporters compete with great foreign concerns which work with government aid and under government regulation. Germany and Japan are the two leading examples of this common sense union between industry and the state; the strides which both nations have taken commercially proves the soundness of the relation.

The Eitel is smoking so hard from both funnels that we rather imagine we shall see it along side Tenor McCormack's picture in the magazine endorsing some popular brand of tobacco.

A typewriter 1,700 times as large as the usual typewriter is to be shown at the Panama Exposition. But think of an operator chewing gum 1,700 times as hard as the usual typewriter girl.

From the shape of some of the socks our noble women are knitting we incline to the opinion that they believe that even now the poor soldiers have only peg legs.

We suppose that even a set of peace

resolutions that tried to reach Europe now would probably be torpedoed as contrabands.

Bread costs twice as much in New York as in London, and New York is only at war with the gunmen.

NEWS FROM COUNTY PAPERS

(Union Republican)

Case Prescott has been picking up some fine colts from heavy stock and will take them to his Saskatchewan ranch in Canada. Mr. Prescott has a fine tract of land and believes he can easily winter horses there. He states that he is now prepared to settle down and go into the stock business in earnest, adopting the plan that he should have taken years ago—staying in one place and devoting his time to the industry. Mr. Prescott will go to Canada soon, and expects to return to Union in time for the stock show.

The Marshal was instructed to notify the occupant of the Carroll house to move on that she is not wanted here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smith, who recently left Union for California under the impression that Mrs. Smith was going there to her daughter to die of cancer, returned to Union Friday of last week. They stopped over at Portland, where surgical aid was secured and they were advised that Mrs. Smith was not suffering from a cancer, but from other ailments, and after an operation is now pronounced on the way to recovery.

The Directors of School District No. 5 met Saturday evening last and selected the following instructors for the ensuing school year:

Aubrey G. Smith, E. E. Arant, Fred Fox, Adele Goss, Georgie Wright, Hannah Reeves, Etta Gilfillan, Nellie Conlon. Grades not assigned. Positions yet unfilled—Domestic Science, Manual Training, English, Janitor.

Under the leadership of Rev. Robinson, Sunday last the Baptist church of Union was organized with eight members, two others coming in later.



Who Was The Ape Man's VICTIM? This is the hidden, baffling secret of the mysterious Black Box! How did a woman, or a man, come to be in the ape man's home—a piano box in the jungle? See The Black Box and in every heart-grIPPING scene you will find yourself completely puzzled, and then fascinated, when you learn why.

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At the Arcade Soon.

and meeting will be held in Union the first Sunday in each month.

(Union Scott)

People come back to Union not infrequently, after trying their fortunes in other places. Wm. McCordle who sold out in the town several years ago and went to Canada, arrived back to the city Wednesday and bought back the house and lot which he had sold on the eve of his departure for the North. He expects to remain here for the future.

Pete Types, of NezPeece, cousin of Jimmy White will play short stop for the Union team at the beginning of the of the season.

Robert Patton and wife, formerly of Pendleton have moved to their residence property at Union and expects to make their home here permanently. They own the former Ulm place in South Union. Mrs. Patton is a daughter of the late James Sylvester.

Elder E. E. Smith and wife are back from Portland and expect to stay. Mr. Smith says his wife is much better and that he feels sure she will recover. The couple had started for California but the change for the better in Mrs. Smith's health changed their plans.

Joseph Herald No doubt all of our readers have read about the horrible accident which happened at Honolulu a couple of weeks ago when one of our submarine boats sank in 300 feet of water with 21 men aboard. Roy McCully has been electrician on the war ships and submarines at Honolulu for a couple of years, and for awhile his relatives feared that perhaps he went down with the unfortunate boat. But his father, F. D. McCully, has just received a letter from Roy, saying that the report of his death was considerably exaggerated; that he very much alive and working like a beaver in trying to locate the lost submarine, but fears that it will never be raised. Roy was well acquainted with the 21 sailor boys who lost their lives, and naturally feels thankful that he was not among them on the fatal trip.

Sheriff's Sale Notice is hereby given That, by virtue of an Attachment Execution, and Order of Sale, of hereafter attached real property hereinafter described issued out of and under the Seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Union, bearing date the 8th day of April, A. D. 1915, and to me directed and delivered upon a judgment duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in said Circuit Court, containing said order of sale, on the 9th day of June, 1914, in a suit wherein the La Grande Fruit Association, incorporation, was Plaintiff and J. W. Egan was Defendant, said judgment being in favor of said Plaintiff and against said defendant, for the sum of \$350.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from and since December 1st 1912, together with plaintiff's costs and disbursements taxed at \$18.00.

A Chinese Superstition. When a Chinese baby takes a nap people think its soul is having a rest—going out for a long walk perhaps. If the nap is a very long one the mother is frightened. She is afraid that her baby's soul has wandered too far away and cannot find its way home. If it doesn't come back, of course the baby will never awaken. Sometimes men are sent out into the streets to call the baby's name over and over again, as though it were a real child lost. They hope to lead the soul back home. If a baby sleeps while it is being carried from one place to another the danger of losing the soul along the way is very great. So whoever carries the little one keeps saying its name out loud, so that the soul will not stray away. They think of the soul as a bird hopping along after them.

Clever Elephant. "Elephants are clever animals," said a trainer, "and I once had one that could read. He was a quarrelsome beast, and one day he got into a scrape with the Bengal tiger, and before we could get them separated he had his trunk badly damaged. After the scrimmage was over the elephant broke loose and started down the street fast. 'He's going wild!' somebody shouted. 'Don't you believe it!' says I. Now, where do you suppose that elephant went to?" "Went to the surgeon's, I suppose. Can't you get up a better yarn?" "No, he didn't go to the surgeon's. He went straight to a little shop where a sign read, 'Trunks repaired while you wait.' Of course he had made a mistake. But what do you expect of a poor dumb brute?"—London Globe

The Scrap Book

Both Carried Away.

In "Things I Remember" Frederick Townsend Martin, writing of Mrs. Peter Lorillard Ronalds, says that in his younger days she was nominated to Paris as the "Patti des Salons" because of her exquisite soprano voice. In London one evening an American woman was so carried away with this voice that she left her seat and clasped about the neck of Mrs. Ronalds not only her arms, but her "valuable necklace," saying: "Pray, pray accept this as a tribute to your divine voice!"



The next day the giver of the necklace reappeared and without ceremony showed to Mrs. Ronalds that she had made a mistake in donating the necklace, because she had been "carried away" by the sound of Mrs. Ronalds' voice. "What a pity," answered Mrs. Ronalds, "for the necklace has been carried away too. It's now in my safe at the bank!"

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