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EFFECTS OF SUGGESTION.

Much has been written to show how widespread are the effects of the brutalities of warfare. Statistics have been cited to show that the wholesale slaughtering of human beings in Europe has been followed by a tendency among people of neutral countries to seek redress of their grievances and satisfaction of private spite.

Secret agents of the warring nations have been engaged in the dynamiting of both public and private property and planting infernal machines on board outward bound vessels with intent to accomplish their destruction at sea. This practice promises to spread to wider bounds and become a common adoption in the rivalries of business and in the prosecution of private feuds. An example is furnished by a proprietor of the moving picture theater in Worcester, O., who has confessed that he twice dynamited a rival theater in order to get rid of its competition. He has been sentenced to prison for a term of 10 years, but dynamite explosions and arson have become conspicuous features of the daily news and the occurrences are nation-wide.

A. E. HUFF FOR BONDS.

Commends County Judge's Plans But Would go Farther.

La Grande, March 9.—(To the Editor)—It is with great pleasure that I note the interview with County Judge Phyllis in your issue of February 29 relative to the good road problem. Being a good road advocate, "first, last and all the time" to use the words of Senator Kiddle, any movement along the line of more and better roads is naturally welcome. I am pleased to endorse the plan advanced by the Judge, for all roads with the exception of the main highways. I believe that he is on the right track so far as he goes. I fully realize that Union county has passed the day of hand tools and haphazard methods. We have reached the place in community development where business methods must be employed. His plan to purchase a tractor and work upon the roads with the view of eventually producing results is commendable and the county court

should have the co-operation of the Union County Good Roads association as well as all other good citizens. On the other hand I feel that the association should have the assistance and co-operation of the county court in bonding the county for the proposed four hundred thousand dollars with which to provide hard surfaced roads for such portions of the county where the traffic is most heavy. I believe the bond plan the economic and logical one. Personally I am not afraid of a bond, I realize that few of our farmers would have the splendid land holding, to day which is their pride and profit, if they had been compelled to pay the entire purchase price in spot cash. We paid for them on the installment plan. That is what the bond plan means. We simply buy roads in the same manner we bought our farms. There is no question but that we need the roads. We all agree upon that. We only differ as the means by which we are going to pay for them. The experience of other counties where road building has been in progress for several years, is that the hard surface road is the cheapest in the long run. For that reason I am in favor of building the right kind of a road in the beginning. Union county has miles of road sadly in need of attention. Some of them require hard surface, and for others a good coating of gravel and proper grading and drainage is sufficient. A good road is as necessary to the farmer as is his farm machinery. The greatest tax he pays for not having roads, not the tax he pays for roads. Let us discuss this freely, kindly and without heat, as partners in the discussion of a problem requiring careful consideration.

A. E. HUFF,
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HEALTH NEWS.

Alcohol and Pneumonia.

The United States Public Health Service brands strong drink as the most efficient ally of pneumonia. It declares that alcohol is the handmaiden of the disease which produces ten per cent of the deaths in the United States. This is no exaggeration. We have known for a long time that indulgence in alcoholic liquors lowers the vitality, and that the man who drinks is peculiarly susceptible to pneumonia. The United States Public Health Service is a conservative body. It does not engage in alarmist propaganda. In following out the line of its official duties it has brought forcefully to the general public a fact which will bear endless repetition. The liberal and continuous user of alcoholic drinks will do well to heed this warning, particularly at this season of the year when the gruesome death toll from pneumonia is being doubled.

Northwest Must Be Protected.

Astoria, Ore., March 7.—(Special)—Spokane will be the scene of a unique convention to be held on Monday and Tuesday, March 27-28, 1916. It is called a "Patriotic Preparedness convention," and will be attended by delegates to be named by commercial organizations, boards of county commissioners and mayors of the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and the Dakotas.

The meeting will be a general get-together of the Northwest on the sub-

ject of Pacific coast preparedness, and will be under the joint auspices of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, the Kalispell, Montana, Chamber of Commerce and the Columbia Naval Base committee of Astoria. Addresses will be given by military and naval experts and representative citizens of the six states participating.

The subjects which will be discussed by the convention are:

1st. Equipment of the mouth of the Columbia river as a first class naval base by the general government.

2nd. Coast defenses for the Pacific littoral of Oregon and Washington.

3rd. Resources of the Northwest adapted to the manufacture of munitions.

These are vital topics and bear upon the great and pressing question of national preparedness in general and of the Pacific Northwest in particular. It is expected that many illuminating facts on each topic will be brought out, and that a complete showing will be assembled for presentation to the congress of the United States setting forth the necessity for recognition of the northwestern states in the naval and military program.

It is strongly insisted upon by the promoters of the Spokane convention that any government scheme of preparedness which overlooks the Pacific is unworthy of the name. This is a subject on which the entire Northwest can and should get together, since all are equally interested. As the title of the convention indicates, patriotism and preparedness (not pork) will be the watchword of the delegates.

Galloway Files His Candidacy

Salem, Or., March 8.—Judge William Galloway yesterday afternoon filed with the secretary of state his declaration of candidacy for renomination in the Democratic primaries for circuit judge of the Third judicial district, comprising the counties of Marion and Linn.

He was first elected to this position in 1904, and in 1910 he was re-elected. Prior to this he served as county judge of Yamhill county, and as receiver of the United States land office at Oregon City.

Jitneys Will Connect Coos and Curry

Marshfield, Or., March 8.—Jitneys this summer are to cover Coos and Curry counties like a blanket. One company today completed plans to put on 20 autos and handle the travel between all the cities of Coos and Curry counties and out of Roseburg. Fred Slagle is at the concern. In many places the autos will compete with trains.

SHES A SLICKER

B'ime, Maw is auto-broke, Knows 'em all from hood to spoke Cam to shield and tire to top, Steering gear to crossing cop— Ain't a thing that she don't know— Seen 'em all and seen 'em go, Maw is sure one slicker, bo.

Now, Paw ambled homeward the night before last Driving a motor and driving it fast, Brand new caboodle Paw had by the wheel, The ultimate gasp in the Slicker-mobile.

"Maw", holler'd Paw, as he stopped at the fence, "Give it a linger, now ain't it immense Slip it a slanting and tell what you think, Ain't it a lapalooza, b'jink?"

Maw looked it over while Paw slapped his knee And then coldly answered: "What of it?" says she. "What of it?" yelled Paw. "Why, the wrinkles it's got: The door knobs and fenders are both cold and hot, The tool box is radium, feed box is lead.

The tires will never wear out on the dead! It's got sleeping porches a bath and a hall, A sun parlor, bedroom and back yard and all. An 'in-door' bed and a brush and a comb, In fact, it has got all the comforts of home!"

But Maw merely muttered: "What of it?" "What of it?" shrieked Paw, and he choked as he spoke, "It's even got heaters that burn coal or coke, It's got a piano, a talking machine, And out on the hood there's a lawn that is green.

It's got a lawn mower to clip the grass, It's got 'lectric lights and it's also got gas, It's crammed with improvements and cluttered with glass!"

But Maw turned away with: "What of it?"

For, you see, Maw's auto broke Seen 'em all from hood to spoke, Seen 'em all from crust to core, Hence she can't be feazed no more. Uster you could fool her some When each year the experts come With new doodads by the score, But she can't be fooled no more.

Ain't a thing that she don't know— Seen 'em all in auto row— Maw is now a slicker, bo.



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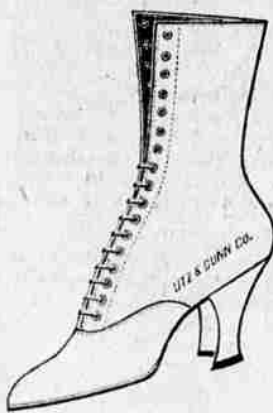
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GOING THE LIMIT!
VIC. MEGLUKE WAS TEARING DOWN THE STREET IN HIS NEW MACHINE WHEN HE RAN OVER RODERICK BEAN. "YOU'RE IN FOR SOME DAMAGES NOW," YELLED BEAN, JUMPING UP—"YOU SPOILED A PERFECTLY GOOD PACK OF PIEDMONTS FOR ME THEN."

