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AT CHICAGO.

This is a national convention when the boys employed to write long, crisp stories about the convention are up against a hard job. Yesterday Irvin Cobb's story read like a one-sided debate in a country literary society. It lacked everything essential to make a readable yarn, all of which goes to show there is not much to write about or Cobb would dish it up for he is a disher of morsels for the mind when he has even a cobweb upon which to hang his hat.

There is little known by anyone regarding the probability or possibility of men and measures at Chicago. Editor Edgar B. Piper of the Portland Oregonian, in his personal correspondence to his paper yesterday, seemed to say it about all when he stated that Roosevelt could not be named, but that Roosevelt could decidedly pick the man who would be named if he should so choose to do.

It is interesting, very interesting, even at this long distance, and before today will have passed off the calendar there may be an epoch of history made.

WALLOWA LAKE.

The hotelmen last night hit the right idea when they focused all advertising efforts on Wallowa Lake. Tourists, especially those who travel in automobiles, would drive a long distance to visit the Lake if it were known what a truly wonderful place it is, and the better we as citizens of Union and Wallowa counties, can spread this gospel of truth the more we will have accomplished for our community.

It was perfectly proper that this movement should have been born with the hotelmen for they are probably more directly interested in travel to the Lake than any of us. But, all the citizenship of the two counties holds a direct and undying interest in the movement, because of its benefit in a general way, and because we have something that no other section of the state or country possesses.

At Idaho Falls during the summer months train after train of solid Pullmans leave the main line of the railroad and run to the Yellowstone Park. Automobile travel first reaches

Idaho Falls and then finds its way to the Park. La Grande is situated toward Wallowa Lake just as Idaho Falls is situated toward Yellowstone Park. It therefore is important to us that we all pick up the suggestion of the hotelmen last night and help interest the federal government in making a portion of Wallowa county a national park. When the subject comes up and you can put in your peg, slip it in, for the combined effort of all is what makes things go and go quickly.

DESTRUCTION OF WEALTH.

Premier Asquith has told the house of commons that Great Britain's war bill for two years amounts to \$12,000,000,000. Great Britain is the wealthiest of the allies. Her resources are estimated at \$130,000,000,000 including those of her possessions. If the war continues through September, the empire will have spent one-tenth of its aggregate wealth.

Some of this wealth has been loaned to her allies; what part, it is impossible to say, but it may be as much as one-quarter, for the premier says that of \$1,205,000,000 disbursed from April 1 to May 20, the allies received \$372,500,000, an amount probably in excess of what was loaned in similar previous periods. Most of this sum will probably be recovered in time, so that the actual cost to Great Britain for two years of conflict is about \$9,000,000,000.

How much of this vast, almost unimaginable sum still exists in the form of capital, no one can say. Part of it is still represented in ships, in guns, in ammunition, in soldiers, equipment, in rations, in facilities for land transportation and in raw materials. But a large part of this portion will be ere long destroyed, and much of the rest of it can never be converted into any other form of wealth to be made useful to humanity after the war is over.

Moreover, all this destroyed capital will continue to earn interest until it is replaced; and the men who must labor to replace it and to pay this interest are fewer and weaker than those who incurred the debt, and have a smaller capital with which to recover what has been lost.

On the other hand, tremendous debt will encourage thrift, while our own prosperity will lead to extravagance. Thus the advantage which the United States gains through this war may not be substantial, and in the long run may prove even a handicap. The classic illustration of the way this law works is the experience of France after her war with Prussia. Bismark tried to crush her forever under an indemnity of \$1,000,000,000, but the effort to pay it taught the republic a lesson in thrift that the nation was soon on a sounder and healthier basis of prosperity than ever before.

The most terrible ruin caused by war is not the destruction of wealth, but the annihilation of human life, and the suffering of human beings.

THE USES OF QUARANTINE.

In a New Jersey town the pastor

of a church is admittedly afflicted with tuberculosis. Proceedings have been started by health authorities to compel him to vacate his pulpit. It is alleged that by continuing to occupy it Sunday after Sunday he is spreading the seeds of the disease and constituting himself a menace to health.

Whatever may be thought of the merits of this particular case, whatever may be its outcome, it serves to call attention to one or two important facts which will bear constant repetition. One of these is that quarantine is quite the most effective method for preventing the spread of any disease. It is much more effective than the old method of fumigation, which is fast falling into disrepute. The belief that disease germs will flee the vicinity in which horrible odors are released is passing away as modern scientific investigators begin to cast doubts on it. The victims of communicable diseases—and most diseases are communicable—if isolated cannot endanger the healthy. The home treated to a thorough scrubbing after the invasion of the family by some disease is as safe as it can be made from becoming a breeding place of epidemics. And hot soap-suds are no more expensive than suffocating chemicals.

Another important fact which cannot be too often repeated or too well remembered is recalled by the New Jersey case. This is the fact that disease is no respecter of persons. The wise and the foolish, the young and the old, the brave and the cowardly are alike its victims. Those who boast that "they are not afraid" of this or that disease may tell the truth. But their fearlessness offers no protection against invasion and suffering. The boast is an empty, foolish one. When there is disease in one's vicinity a little quarantine against it is a good, wise, safe preventative measure. Those parishioners who persist in attending the pulpit ministrations of a diseased preacher would sow more piety and good sense by quietly remaining in their own homes out of range of possible infection. The quarantine for and against disease cannot be too strongly commended.

An Eastern paragrapher suggests that a new corset be named Verdun. So blamed hard to get into, we presume.

Sometimes we lean to the view that the gold widow isn't half so disconsolate as she lets on to be.

Chicago investigators say that vice could not exist without the collusion of the police. Unhappily, vice existed long before there were police departments.

An eastern man is suing for \$600 for the loss of his mustache. He could get another by saving 15 cents.

Another Portland bank is to have a \$200,000 home. It used to be the saloons had the best corners in Portland, but now it seems the banks occupy those important places.

AT CHICAGO.

When the frost is on the boomlets and the favorite sons are shocked, When the bosses pick the winner with the darkest horses docketed— When each delegate is herded and delivered to his stall, And the mob of "party leaders" is admitted to the hall— When the writers and telegraphers begin to tap their keys, And the smitten hopes are uttering their last despairing pleas— Here's the lineup of the battle (and the battle is a sham): Here is how the coliseum will accommodate the jam. Here is how the hectic multitude will congregate to see How they nominate a leader for the frantic G. O. P. Here is where the grand excitement will be trotted in and loosed When the national convention is old-guarded or bull-moosed By the hidden strings from somewhere-you-cannot-take-a-look— When the frost is on the boomlets and the favorite sons are shock! —SYN.

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A TWICE-TOLD TALE.

One of Interest to Our Readers. Good news bears repeating, and when it is confirmed after a long lapse of time, even if we feel secure in accepting its truth now. The following experience of a La Grande man is confirmed after one year.

Mrs. M. E. Nibler, 2106 Third St., La Grande, says: "My back ached and I had severe pains through my right side. I was all crippled up, and I found it hard to do my household work. One of my relatives had used Doan's Kidney Pills and advised me to try them. Two boxes drove away the aches and pains, and I have had no trouble since."

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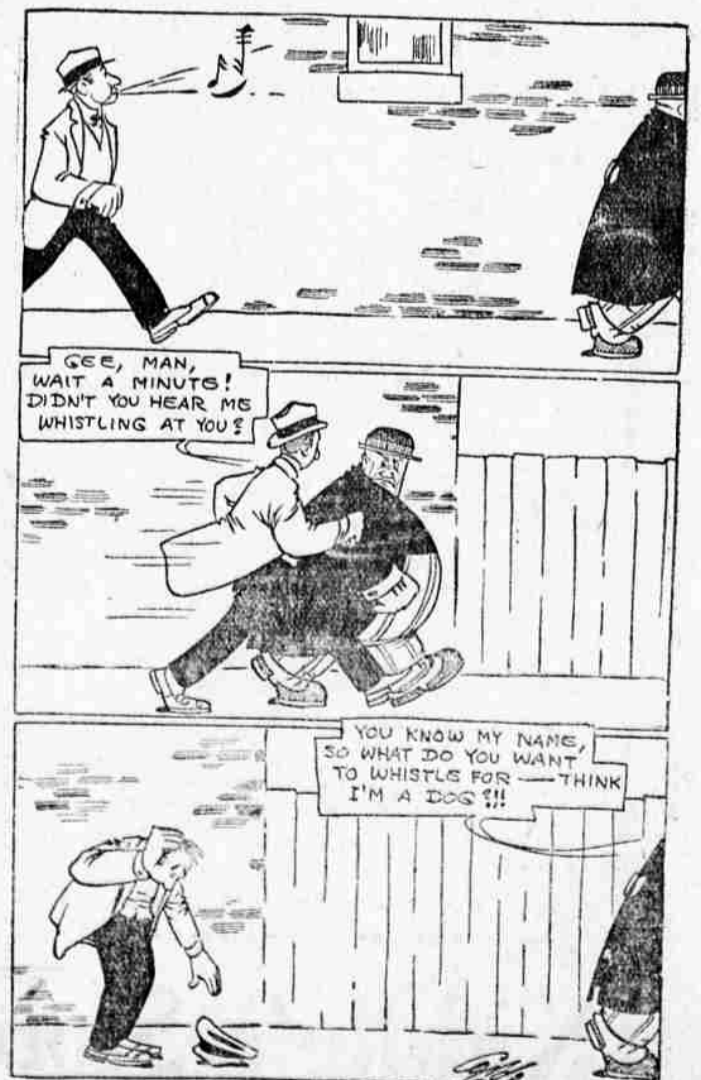
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Penington Family Home.

Having motored overland from Portland, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Penington and daughter Marie are home from an extended visit in California. Mrs. Penington and her daughter have been away since early last summer when they went to the fair and wintered in the South. Mr. Penington, who returned home some time since, went back to Portland to help them over the last lap of the journey.

WANTED—Middle-aged couple to occupy three furnished room and look after four suites. Right party can clear more than the rent. Snap. Bargain holds for a year. See Mrs. A. E. Jones, Third and Adams, or Telephone Red 712—Adv. 6-6-16

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