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PAPER PRICES ARE JUMPING.

The paper market is driving publishers crazy.

News stock has doubled in price. Small dealers and weeklies formerly paid 2 to 3 cents a pound for paper. Now they pay 6 cents.

In many cases subscription rates have been raised to meet increased costs. Other publishers are cutting down the size of their papers. Not for years has such a situation confronted the publishing business.

Big and little are hit alike. The cheap works of fiction are disappearing. Old King Brady, Nick Carter and the Last of the Redskins are to vanish. Best sellers that formerly sold for \$1.10 are going to cost \$1.25 this winter, and \$1.25 volumes will cost \$1.35. Book paper has increased 100 per cent in the last few weeks. School books publishers have seen their profits wiped out.

Patrons of newspapers want the news and large newspapers. But they must be patient these days of high prices. And their help will be appreciated when the day comes for paying for their daily or weekly newspaper.

Some day we hope that this war will end and things get back to a normal basis.

But why paper made in the United States should be so much higher we do not know, save for a shortage of German chemicals.

The Federal Trade Commission is investigating the high prices of paper.

Maybe they will find a paper trust. If they do they ought to swat it.

MISS EDNA BREAKENRIDGE.

The sympathy of many friends goes out to the sorrowing relatives of Miss Edna Breakenridge, the young woman who has so suddenly been called by death to join the lamented mother, brother and uncle, who have preceded her to the grave in this community

within the last seven months. Thus sorrow seems to have a terrible cumulative tendency, and death sometimes is like a tyrant who delights to proclaim in such triple tragedies the pride and power of his autocratic will.

When death removes the aged and the infirm; when he rocks our second childhood to sleep in the coffin-cradle of old age; when the watch-worn and weary sentinels in the vanguard of life are called upon to lay their armor off and take their well-won rest, it seems to be a fitting and necessary climax, as seemingly as the eclipse of the setting sun. But when a young person, and particularly a lovely young woman, is stricken down in the bloom and beauty of a gracious maidenhood, a thousand pitying protests come crowding to the heart to rebel against such an untimely and abortive loss. The poet, Edgar Allen Poe, truly said that such a death is the most poignant tragedy of life.

This young woman had basked only in the ascending beams, the early dawn, and in the eastern light of the morning of life. She had drunk only of the pre-libations of youth. She lived in a world of freshness and blossoms. And now she has fallen asleep. No wrinkles on her brow; no drawn, distorted lineaments; no signs of anticipated dissolution; only an expression of arrested gladness and buoyant hope; a serene brightness and an ideal straightening of the graceful outline, as if the Divine finger, source of supreme beauty, had merely transfigured in death that which it had found so charming and lovely in life.

DON'T BLAME THEM.

Paul C. Bates, W. A. Johnson, Wirt Minor, and James G. Wilson have resigned as directors of the Oregon Portland Cement company. We do not blame them. It's a nasty mess.

AMERICA LOSES TO JAPANESE

Attaches to Japan Return With First Hand News of Losses Sustained in the Orient.

Washington, Sept., 20. (Special).—Mr. Julian Arnold, American Commercial attaché, accredited to Japan, has returned to this country to tell us about trade conditions in the Orient. We shall be glad to learn why it is that Japan has increased her exports to the United States from \$92,000,000 in 1913, under our protective tariff, to \$148,000,000 in 1916, under Democratic free trade, while our exports to her have increased from \$58,000,000 in 1913 to only \$75,000,000 in 1916. Inasmuch as "He kept us out of war," presumably the things Japan sent us were peace products. Inasmuch as Japan is in a state of war and is manufacturing enormous quantities of war material for Russia, it is fair to assume that a large percentage of our exports to her during 1916 consisted of war products. We can not keep up our war-order business with Japan forever, but

DR. MILLER TO LECTURE HERE.



The Eminent Scholar, Dr John T. Miller.

under the present tariff law, Japan can increase the value of her peace exportation to us.

Possibly Mr. Arnold may also explain to us why it is that a couple of years ago the United States controlled 21 per cent of the Pacific Ocean freight carrying business, and Japan controlled 33 per cent, while today the United States controls 2 per cent, and Japan controls 55 per cent.

We have for some time suspected that the Wilson-Underwood near-free-trade law and the surreptitiously enacted seaman's law had something to do with these conditions, but if Mr. Arnold takes his cue from Secretary Redfield he will present an altogether different reason.

Chairman Claude Kitchin of the Ways and Means Committee delivered his speech on the omnibus revenue bill July 6. He withheld it from publication until August 29. Mr. Underwood, author of the present tariff law, adopted similar tactics some time ago. The speeches of these two worthies were unavailable during the debates on the revenue bills. Published long after the debate had terminated they exhibit statements ridiculous and untrue. The delay in their publication was undoubtedly due to the fact that the speakers knew their speeches, as delivered would not stand criticism, and that it would be wise to revise them in such a way as to make them serve for campaign documents. When the charge is on, Mr. Kitchin and Mr. Underwood are to be found burrowing in their trenches.

Among the measures which President Wilson cited as a fulfillment of platform pledges was the ship purchase bill. He should read the party pledge, which was: to foster the development of a merchant marine "but without imposing additional bur-

dens upon the people." But perhaps President Wilson thinks that in view of all other large Democratic appropriations the American people will not consider that \$50,000,000 appropriation a burden.

"Commerce Reports" issued by the Department of Commerce, says that "there are very few pairs raised in Argentina." Either this is a typographical error, the compiler of these reports is a poor speller, or the Argentinians are novices in the great American game.

At a meeting of the St. Louis Journeymen Barber's Union held here a charge of 5 cents was indorsed for trimming a mustache—heretofore trimmed free with a hair-cut or shave—and a charge of at least 15 cents was urged for hair restorer or tonic placed on the cranium of a baldheaded gentleman. The present charge is 10 cents.

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BARBERS WOULD TAX HAIR

Mustaches Should Be Assessed Five Cents Each, It Is Asserted. St. Louis, Sept. 7.—Men who have more than the normal amount of hair to cause the barber trouble and men who have less than the allotted amount, both should be subject to a tax, in the opinion of the journeymen barbers.

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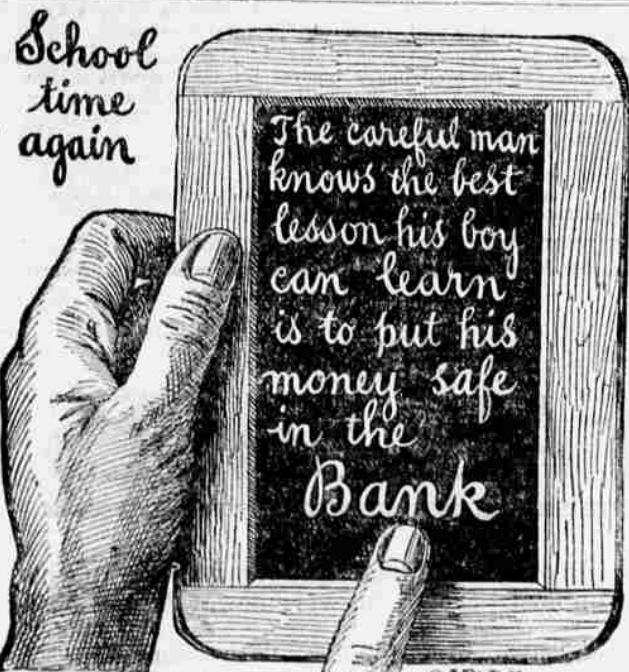
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