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THE SUBMARINE HORRORS.

The war has been brought close to the United States by the latest submarine horrors.

Other things about war are just as horrible but the operations of the submarines on our own shores shows that our isolation is practically at an end.

One submarine comes and calls at an American port, others keep in hiding out at sea. At a signal ships of both allies and neutrals are sunk.

The mysterious letter brought or the submarine to the German ambassador is a subject of interest. What was its contents? Did it notify the President that the submarines were to operate on the American coast? Did it promise that they would comply with international law or did it threaten repetition of the Lusitania catastrophe? Or did it foreshadow peace negotiations which have been rumored?

These and many other subjects should occupy the minds of thoughtful Americans today.

GOOD WISHES FOLLOW THEM.

Opportunity knocks and a man must seize it, so Mr. A. A. Wenzel is leaving La Grande to engage in the veneer box and lumber business in Merrill, Wisconsin, his old home. It is with regret that the citizens of La Grande see Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel go. Both had endeared themselves to a large circle of friends. Mr. Wenzel has been for five years assistant manager of the Mt. Emily Timber Co., a responsible position which he ably filled. During his residence here he has been public-spirited and has taken a prominent part in the civic life of the community. He has served as director of the Commercial club, treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. during its construction period, secretary-treasurer of the Union and Wallowa Counties Fire association, and secretary-treasurer of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club. In each and every capacity and many others Mr. Wenzel made good, besides making friends.

It is no wonder, then, that, on their departure, a host of good wishes for their success follow Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel to their new home.

FARM LOANS IN THE FUTURE.

The Federal Farm Loan Board has fixed four per cent as the interest on farm loan bank bonds.

This means that the farmers will be able to borrow money from their district banks at about 5 to 6 per cent, the difference paying the cost of administration.

Farmers who have loans maturing now need not expect no immediate relief from the government banks as it will take some time to get the machinery of the new loaning system in operation.

If the new bonds sell readily at a per cent it is probable in the future that interest rates on farm loans will fall, but the amount of money available for loaning will depend upon the sale of the bonds and it is impossible to tell at this time how the investing public will absorb them. It is reasonable to suppose, however, that they will sell well and that in a few years they will be recognized as a stable form of investment.

GET OUT THE PRUNING KNIFE.

Ten state institutions ask for appropriations of \$2,033,015.

This is an increase of 395,466 over 1915-1916 appropriations.

The superintendents of these institutions should know better.

The people of this state will not stand for such an increase.

That is one reason why conservative business men should be sent to the legislature—to apply the pruning knife.

There is plenty of opportunity to cut out some of the luxuries in state government.

National Candy Day.

National Candy Day is Oct. 14. To a proud father it seems as if almost every day is "candy day."

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Trust Gets the Benefit.

The specially high prices that we are kicking at just now is paper, which benefits the trust principally, which all comes out of the pockets of the newspapers, whose prices as a rule have to remain the same.—Albany Democrat.

Sparking on the Farm.

Governor Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania may have found the true reason why boys and girls desert the farm for the city. He makes the suggestion that it is due to the lack of courting facilities and in order to prevent the flow of the rural population toward recommends that every farm house should have a parlor where Huldys might receive and entertain her "company" free from the deterrent influence of other members of the family.

The shyness of the rustic lover is traditional and real. His Amrayllis must be alone before he can summon up courage to go in.

If he has no chance to tell his story he will either never marry or else go sparking some town girl.

Meanwhile the practical farmer would be amused with this governor's recipe for a great "back-to-the-farm" movement were the conditions that cause the migration to the cities not a tragedy.

Seed Wheat Is Serious Problem.

(Pendleton Tribune.) There is a serious problem now presenting itself to the grain growers of the Central West. The character of the 1916 crop is such that there is available very little wheat suitable for seeding. That is the home of the hard wheats, which are depended upon for the white flours of the market. The grain of the Pacific coast is too dark in color, too soft in texture, to suit the fastidious taste of the epicure or the high class baker.

The Atlantic states no longer raise grain in any considerable quantity. The supply from Argentina is moving toward Europe. Russia alone has the variety necessary for the needs of the hour.

Perhaps through Japanese channels wheat from the Russian granaries may find its way to the Dakotas. If so, in the end, the benefit may be great. Inbreeding in agriculture is as dangerous as inbreeding among animals. New seed may double the yield.

Mr. Chapman And The Voter.

A sudden illness prostrated C. C. Chapman, editor of the Voter, this week, and for some time it was feared that he might not recover. But he is on the mend and his doctors say that all he needs are rest, full freedom from worry, complete abandonment of all mental effort, absolute change of scene and climate, and fresh and pleasant environment. That sounds like heaven. However, a very large circle of friends and admirers hope that Mr. Chapman will be able to find filled here on earth his doctor's prescription.—The Spectator.

Mr. Schwab on War Orders. (St. Louis Post Dispatch.) Charles M. Schwab of the Bethlehem Steel Co. says that it is a mistake to assume that war orders make up the major portion of the present amazing volume of business or that they call for manufacturing on a scale far outside of the usual run of peacetime trade.

He also says that the "readjustments at the close of the war," about which we are hearing so much, need give no cause for apprehension. He said the beginning of the end of the war will be very obvious. The coming of peace may be foreshadowed during a period as long as six months. The war as a factor in prosperity will show its decline on a descending scale that will impose no serious shock to business. "Provided the business of the nation and the business of the individual are managed on sound, forward, economic lines," he says, "we should be able not only to keep all that we have, but to get more."

Prosperity in Oregon

Houses Scarce at Pendleton. Despite the fact that a large number of new houses have been erected in Pendleton during the past spring and summer and more are in construction now, there is great scarcity of houses for rental purposes. Farmers moving to town for the winter and new residents of the city declare they experience much difficulty in securing desirable vacant houses.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Big Yield of Wheat. Will Hutchinson reports the best yield of 40 fold wheat so far reported this season. He says that from about 200 acres of the "Proffitt" land they threshed 7000 bushels of extra quality wheat, which at the present price will sell for \$8,750, and after deducting cost of labor, seed etc. leaves him for his summer's work more than \$6500.

What Mr. Hutchinson can do, so can others. Some very good yields are reported from the dry belt, but owing to large amount of land in crop Mr. Hutchinson's is so far the best received.—North Powder News.

CHURCH WANTS NEW LAWS.

Episcopalians Advocate Several Changes in Their Church.

St. Louis, Mo. Oct. 10.—The Ten Commandments, the marriage ceremony and the Lord's Prayer as they have stood through the ages are to be changed by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal church which convenes here tomorrow if the reports of committees and sub-committees are endorsed.

In the marriage ceremony the committee will recommend that the word "obey" in the bride's promise be replaced by "Keep," that the giving away of the bride be omitted entirely and the groom's promise to "endow" the bride "with all his worldly goods" be eliminated.

A committee will recommend that the commandments be shortened by the omission of the reason for their observance. The recommendation will be based on the fact that the reasons were peculiar to the life of the Israelites and that changed modern ways have robbed the arguments of much of their weight.

The committee on revising the Lord's prayer recommend the elimination of the words, "For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory Forever." In requesting the omission the committee will say the words constitute a part of the Doxology added by early translators and that they are not in the original text of Holy Scriptures. The omission would make the prayer identical with the Roman Catholic version. The same committee will probably ask the elimination from the Book of Common Prayers the prayers for "Jews, infidels and Turks." The proposal is based on the ground that it is unwarranted to class the Jews with the others.

A canon prohibiting marriage when either party to the contract has a wife or husband living and has been divorced for any cause arising after marriage will be presented for action. Many notable church men gathered here today for the opening.

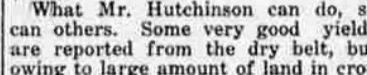
PLEADS FOR PRISON REFORM

Oregon Man At Buffalo Congress Wants Defectives Cared For

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 10.—Practically all of the delegates to the congress

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NEW SILKS New Weaves and Colors---Just In See them, you cannot appreciate the beauty of weave, pattern and colorings of these new silks until you do see them and feel of their fine qualities. New Plaids and Stripes that harmonize and are entirely new in their effects. New plain colors in soft taffetas and satins. We also show the many new shades in crepe de chene, georgettes, and velvets. New gold laces and bands, gold cloth, and gorgeous metal trimmed laces, iridescent silk laces, buttons, etc., are shown here in a large variety. Often you hear the remark: "If you can't find it at West's no use to look further."

N.M. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

A "NEST EGG" Misfortune is liable to overtake you in money matters. Then it is that a good sized "Nest Egg" in the Bank comes in "powerful handy." Over and over again have we seen comforting relief come to those who had accumulated a fund in this bank. If you haven't started an account, now is the time to do it. In seasons of prosperity, place a part of your income in our bank. Some day this fund may carry you over a rough and rocky road. La Grande National Bank Capital Surplus \$250,000 Deposits \$950,000

of the American prison association, in session here, today, concurred with W. G. McLaren, Superintendent of the Oregon Prisoners' Aid society, who said prisoners should be closely scrutinized prior to release so that mental defectives may be taken care of. He pointed out the defective released speedily go back to crime.

"We should take care of the defectives," said McLaren, "and should demand that the police and peace officers give other released prisoners a chance to get along. They are all too ready now to hound them back to prison."

Those who spoke at the meeting this morning were: Rev. D. Miller of Western Penitentiary, Allegheny, Pa.; Rev. S. J. Dowling, State's Prison, Wampum, Wis., and Rev. Robert Walker of the Massachusetts State Reformatory.

Bank Officials Accused.

San Francisco, Oct. 10.—Anthony Quinn, collection clerk and Ernest Brainard, receiving teller, both considered for a long time as competent and faithful minor officials of the private banking house of Donohoe, Kelly & Co., 38 Sutter street are alleged to have stolen cash from the institution, estimated to run between \$8000 and \$12,000, and disappeared.

FOUNDATION OF INDUSTRIAL EXISTENCE

"Experience has strikingly emphasized in my mind the necessity of enlisting for the betterment of rural life the support of the town, of its commercial organizations, and of its business leaders. Heretofore, agricultural agencies have worked somewhat exclusively with farmers and farmers' organizations. They have not largely worked with or on the business world, and the business world has, relatively speaking, displayed an indifference to the problems of rural life, or at least has not given them the requisite effective study and sympathetic aid. In fact, it may be said that, relatively speaking, there has been neglect of the rural life by the Nation as a whole. We have been so bent on building up great industrial centers, in rivaling other nations of the world in manufacturing, fostering it by every natural and artificial device we could think of, so busy trying to make each city larger by the next census, that we had, in great measure,

CITY'S DUTY TO FARMER

By David F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, who urges Businessmen to Cooperate in Promoting Rural Prosperity.

ARTICLE I.

David F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, delivered the following address on "Agricultural and Commercial Cooperation" before the Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries in Cleveland, Ohio, September 25, which will be run in The Observer in installments.

"Your invitation found me in a responsive mood, at the close of an interview in which I had asserted that the next great thing to do for the betterment of agriculture and rural life is effectively to awaken urban communities and business men to a sense of their responsibility toward agriculture and rural life and to enlist their constructive interest and support for their improvement. The thing which concerned me was how to do this—how to reach them and how to touch them. Naturally, your invitation seemed most opportune—made to order, as it were. It immediately occurred to me that there was no other body whose members touch business men more expertly or adroitly or touch more business men than this.

overlooked the very foundations of our industrial existence. It had been assumed that we had a natural monopoly in agriculture, that it could take care of itself, and we had, therefore, in many directions cheerfully left it to do so; and recklessness and waste had been incident to our breathless conquest of the continent. We have been too prone to indulge in praise of farm life and in flattery of farmers and too little disposed to take effective steps to lend aid. President Wilson was right when he said: "It has, singularly enough, come to pass that we have allowed the industry of our farms to lag behind the other activities of the country in its development." It was high time that there should be a change. Quoting the President again: "I need not stop to tell you how fundamental to the life of the Nation is the production of its food. Our thoughts may ordinarily be concentrated upon the cities and the hives of industry, upon the cries of the crowded market place and the clangor of the factory, but it is from the quiet interspaces of the open valleys and the free hill-sides that we draw the sources of life and of prosperity, from the farm and the ranch from the forest and the mines. Without these every street would be silent, every office deserted, every factory fallen into disrepair. And yet the farmer does not stand upon the same footing with the forester and the miner in the market of credit. He is the servant of the seasons. Nature determines how long he must wait for his crops, and will not be hurried in her process. He may give his note, but the season of its maturity depends upon the season when his crop matures; lies at the gates of the market where his products are sold. And the security he gives is of a character not known in the broker's office or as familiarly as it might be in the counter of the banker."

(To Be Continued.)