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ONE LESSON OF WAR.

In the armies they are learning economy.

The same principle of saving the most useless scraps of waste that is being practiced all over Germany has been introduced at the front now, too. There is not a company or regiment all along the huge front that has not installed, in convenient places in the front trenches, receptacles for waste of all kinds.

There are bags or baskets for paper than can be sent back to Germany to be made into pulp, for glassware whether broken or intact, for old clothes and miscellany, and of course for scraps of food that may be used to feed swine that always are an integral part of every staff headquarters behind the lines.

The war has its lessons. If this country ever went to war the

first lesson we would have to learn would be to avoid waste, to practice economy.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Republic's Greatest Weakness. (Brooklyn Eagle)

Representative government can never be made to serve its high purpose, cannot, in fact, even be fairly tested, so long as only about 15 per cent of the eligible voters of the country exercise the elective franchise. Political power, under such conditions, is not delegated—it goes by default. We get as good government as we deserve, and sometimes it is infinitely better. This is most unfortunate in a democracy, for the reason that it bolsters up the convictions and arguments of the Bourbon school of thought that believes in a restriction of the franchise.

There is nothing more ludicrous or tragic, according to the point of view, than vainglorious boasting of freedom and liberty and enlightened institutions by a citizenship that doesn't take the trouble to exercise its privileges to the full. This year, of all years, it is not only a privilege but a duty of the first importance that all those qualified to do so register their votes. The responsibility for the future course of this nation rests alike upon the indifferent and those who express their preferences at the polls. None can escape the consequences of their action or failure to act.

Prosperity in Oregon

Wallowa County Mines. Among the important mining operations being carried on near Joseph is

that of the International Mining & Developing company, of Breckenridge, Colo., of which W. F. Van Vactor is superintendent. Since August 1 this company has had five men busily at work on their group of claims six miles west of Joseph on Hurricane creek which has resulted in uncovering splendid showings. The property comprises the group generally known as the Kidd and Lapham groups. The ledge that has been followed in the development work is well defined and heavy and carries values that make shipment justified. Zinc in extraordinary proportions predominates.

Long, Long Ago

By T. H. Bayley

Tell me the tales that to me were so dear, long, long ago; long, long ago. Sing me the songs I delighted to hear, long, long ago; long, long ago. Now you are come, all my grief is removed, Let me forget that so long you have roved, Let me believe that you love as you loved, long, long ago; long, long ago.

Do you remember the path where we met, long, long ago; long, long ago? Ah, yes you told me you ne'er would forget, long, long ago; long, long ago. Then, to all others my smile you preferred, Love when you spoke, gave a charm to each word, Still my heart treasures the praises I heard, long, long ago; long, long ago.

Though by your kindness my fond hopes were raised, long, long ago; long, long ago. You by more eloquent lips have been praised, long, long ago; long, long ago. But by long absence your truth has been tried, Still to your accents I listen with pride, Blest as I was when I sat by your side, long, long ago; long, long ago.

NEBRASKA TRAIN IS LATE Delegation at Depot Gradually Dwindled as Arrival Hour Went By

Had the Nebraska special carrying the University of Nebraska football team and rooters arrived at the hour first expected a rousing crowd would have been at the depot. As it was the delegation rapidly dwindled away until when the train did arrive just before 11 last night, there was no one on hand and rightly so for the members of the team and their supporters were snugly snoozing.

Drydocking a Warship.

One of the operations a naval officer dislikes more than anything else is docking a big warship to undergo repairs. It is one of the most difficult and tricky jobs imaginable, and the slightest carelessness may mean mighty costly damage.

Before being floated into the dock the vessel is usually lightened of everything that can be easily taken from her, and then she is towed in by tugs.

The greatest care has to be taken to get the huge mass to float in exactly its proper position so that when the water is pumped out of the dock it will come to rest upon the keel blocks in such a way that its great weight is evenly distributed. These big repairing docks, or graving docks, as they are usually called, are built in a series of steps, so that they are much narrower at the bottom than at the top. These steps give support to the bulks of timber which keep the vessel upright.

A float, called a "marker," is used to show that the battleship is in its right position before the water is drained away. Any miscalculation and the vessel might heel over, and there is no stopping a 25,000 ton ship when it begins doing that.—Pearson's.

Useful Glycerin.

Glycerin has many useful properties. It will cleanse a cut and cause it to heal quickly. In washing clothes, where softness is imperative in water, the addition of three tablespoons to an ordinary tub of water will prove effective. When it is necessary to boil clothes two tablespoons in the wash boiler will produce good results.

A little glycerin applied with a flannel on shoes that have become hardened by wetting softens the leather, which will absorb it overnight. One tablespoonful of glycerin to each pound of fruit in preserves prevents the formation of a sugary crystal on the top. In stewing fruit, fresh or evaporated, two tablespoonfuls of glycerin to each pound of fruit, a pinch of salt and less sugar make a useful addition. And, finally, glycerin softens scrubbing water, whitens wood and is good for the hands.—New York Sun.

Not the Metric System.

Little Lucile, aged five, was talking to a gentleman. When she became impudent her mother took her out of the room to punish her. She could find nothing but the yardstick, so she whipped her with that. A little later Lucile came back in the room, and the gentleman asked her what her mother had done to her. She said, "Mamma just measured me all over."—Christian Herald.

Oregon to Export Much Lumber.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 19.—Ten million feet of lumber will be exported to foreign ports from Portland and other lower Columbia points during the next week or two, according to announcements of lumber mills here. This is the most extensive offshore lumber



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trade recorded here in many months. The shipments include 3,500,000 feet to the United Kingdom, 2,500,000 to Balboa and 4,000,000 feet to Hawaii and Australia.

Silent Demonstration a Riot.

Chicago, Oct. 20.—(Special)—Last night the attempted "silent demonstration" by members of the National Women's party before the auditorium developed into a near riot, in which banners opposing Wilson were torn from the demonstrators and trampled and women roughly handled. The president sat in an automobile a few hundred feet away when the demonstration started but entered the building without witnessing the scene. Shouting "shame, disgrace" and "get the banners," a crowd of several hundred, sprinkled with women, charged the banner holders, umbrellas and canes being used in destruction in the placards. Many women were knocked down and nearly all were roughly handled, especially those striving to retain their banners. The excitement continued until all banners were seized.

With disheveled hair, soiled and torn clothing, the women marched

back to their headquarters under police guard. Mrs. Josephine Pearce and Mrs. E. L. Mattice, officials of the local Women's Republican clubs, charged that the police sympathized with the rioters. "There were all kinds of policemen standing about merely looking on not moving a hand," said Mrs. Pearce. "Some did not seem to want to help us. I saw one policeman deliberately stand nearby and laugh at us while we were being beaten and the banners torn from our hands. We were standing quietly holding our banners, not harming any one. Suddenly there was a regular riot. It was terrible."

Factions Clash at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Oct. 20.—(Special)—Millitarians clashed with the pacifists in the debate on prayer in the house of deputies of the Protestant Episcopal general convention, yesterday. The issue arose over the proposal to add prayers for the army and navy to the book of common prayer. The prayer recommended by the commission was adopted. It asks: "Lord God of hosts to strengthen and protect the soldiers of our country, support them in day of battle, and in

time of peace keep them safe from evil." It also pleads that "in all things they may serve without reproach." A similar prayer was adopted for the navy.

One faction said any war was unchristian and no soldier can serve without reproach. The other, while not championing war, argued it is the church's duty to pray for those who serve the country.

Big Timber Deal Under Way.

Portland, Oct. 20.—(Special)—If negotiations under way are consummated, the Oregon Lumber company, a Utah corporation, will take more than a billion feet of timber owned by the Dubois Lumber company, on the Nehalem, tributary to the lower Columbia river, and 40 miles of railway will be built to bring the logs to saw mills at tide water. The investment in timber will be approximately \$1,500,000 and in the proposed railway \$1,000,000, with probably \$500,000 additional for mills and docks.

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