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PRESIDENT WILSON'S VIEWS.

President Wilson's speech before The League to Enforce Peace last May is now significant. Then he said he felt the people of the United States would want their government to move along these lines:

"First, such a settlement with regard to their own immediate interests as the belligerents may agree upon. We have nothing material of any kind to ask for ourselves, and we are quite aware that we are in no sense or degree parties to the present quarrel. Our interest is only in peace and its future guarantee.

"Second, a universal association of the nations to maintain the inviolate security of the highway of the sea for the common and unhindered use of all the nations of the world, and to prevent any war begun either contrary to treaty covenants or without warning and full submission of the causes to the opinion of the world—a vital guarantee of territorial integrity and political independence."

The belligerents should learn one thing and that is: The United States has no object to gain by meddling in the affairs of the world except to promote the interests of humanity.

THE BEND BULLETIN.

The Bend Bulletin is now a daily and it is on the exchange list of the Observer, which welcomes it to the family of daily newspapers in Oregon. The new daily is newsy, well edited and well printed and reflects the busy life the city of Bend is living.

JUDGE MCGINN'S DECISION.

Circuit Court Judge McGinn decides that it is lawful for citizens of Oregon to manufacture wine for their own use. If wine, why not beer? If wine and beer why not whiskey? What becomes of prohibition?

THE IRRIGATION PROBLEM.

Governor Withycombe is to be commended for his stand in insisting that irrigation companies who contract with the state to reclaim arid land live up to the letter of their contract. The irrigation methods of the State Land Board for years past have been a scandal and a reflection upon the State of Oregon.

The State of Oregon has a big problem in the development of its arid lands.

The state will never go ahead very fast or be a very populous state until a statesman arises who will solve it. And the solution is not very difficult, either. We have the land and the water. We could get the settlers if we would put the water upon the land. If the legislature would devote less time to freak laws and devote some time to solving Oregon's irrigation problem, it would go down in history as a legislature of some value.

But we never will solve the irrigation problem as long as private companies are allowed to speculate upon the good name and credit of the State of Oregon.

LLOYD GEORGE'S PROGRAM.

The Observer predicts that Lloyd George's elevation to premier meant a revolution in England.

Here is his program: First—General mobilization of labor for war and service in the vital industries.

Second—Naming certain industries and supplying them with labor and materials, voluntarily if possible, if not—by compulsion.

Third—National control of shipping and coal mines.

Fourth—Probable home rule for Ireland.

Fifth—Government seizure of a portion of excessive profits and incomes.

Sixth—Increase of food cultivation by forcible utilization of idle estates.

This is a program that will make both capital and labor and the landed gentry sit up and take notice.

SPEAKING GOOD OF THE DEAD.

Death softens our hearts. We read an item the other day about the death of a rich old man. A newspaper headline wrote, "Scores Mourn Demise of Pioneer." This was not true. The old man was a millionaire and a recluse. He had few friends. He was miserly and selfish and did little good in the world. But it is well to speak nothing but good of the dead; but how much better would it have been if the rich old man had lived so as to merit his obituary.

LET VILLA WATCH OUT.

The War Department has ordered 4000 machine guns. If they are modern and up-to-date and properly loaded maybe the next time Villa tackles us he won't lick our army as he did at Columbus.

What will Carranza do? He has held aloof so long that Villa has almost monopolized the front pages of the newspapers and is in imminent danger of getting all the moving picture contracts in Mexico. It is time for the First Chief to make some spectacular display.

Howard Elton, of Watbury, Conn., an American, was executed at Oaxaca, Mexico, Dec. 15, according to press dispatches. A few years ago this would have created a great stir. But the war has dulled our sensibilities. Human life is very cheap these days.

Bend is county seat of the new county, Deschutes. Bend is a live, hustling city and was made so by attracting young men who were live wires, by co-operation of their businessmen in every way to advance the interests of their city.

Postal employes are beginning to see the end of their strenuous days. And handling the largest Christmas business in years has been no small task. They did their work well.

Many Americans have become vegetarians from choice. Europeans are about to follow their example from necessity.

Wilson may yet become a factor in peace negotiations. Both of the big European contestants are sending him flattering notes.

A PARADOX OF THE WAR.

Some time ago The Observer referred to Lloyd George as being as popular with the plutocracy and aristocracy of England as Bryan was in this country in 1896. The New York World has the following editorial on Lloyd George along somewhat similar lines:

"Imagine William Jennings Bryan as the political idol of Wall street. Imagine all the financiers and bank presidents and corporation managers and captains of industry hailing him as the savior of the republic. Imagine all the forces of organized property and reactionary Republicanism rallying in his support. Then we should have a situation parallel to the situation in Great Britain, where Lloyd-George is engaged in organizing a new war cabinet.

"Three years ago David Lloyd-George was easily the best-hated man in the British empire. He had been the best-hated man for half a decade. He was the ringleader of British radicalism, and while excuses might be found for other radicals, he was beyond the pale. Financial England detested him as enthusiastically as the dukes detested him. There was hardly a day when the British empire was not supposed to be rocking upon its foundations, because of something that this 'contemptible little Welsh attorney' was doing or preventing.

"The worst that Wall street said about Bryan in the campaign of 1896 was flattering in comparison with the least that Conservative England said about Lloyd-George for five years, and yet he is the man to whom Conservative England has turned as the head of a new government.

"It is beyond belief that the Tory intrigue against the Asquith ministry ever had for its object the making of Lloyd-George prime minister of Great Britain. Yet that is its inevitable consequence, for there are only two men who can meet the exigencies of that office. One of them is the prime minister who has been forced to resign and the other is the 'contemptible little Welsh attorney' who has been the great driving force of the government since the beginning of the war. No member of the former opposition measures up to the work, as Bonar Law practically admitted when he refused to undertake the formation of a ministry. What the Unionist leader in parliament could not do, no other Tory can do.

"The qualities that make a great chancellor of the exchequer with revolutionary measures of social justice or a great minister of munitions or a great secretary of state for war, are not necessarily the qualities that make a successful prime minister. Lloyd-George has proved that he could use the Asquith government to mighty purposes. He has yet to prove that he can create a government of his own and use it for still mightier purposes. But there can be no doubt that with the Asquith ministry overthrown Lloyd-George is the one statesman to whom the average Englishman, regardless of partisanship or caste, would immediately look for leadership. He has proved himself the most vital individual force in the empire.

"That this radical of radical democrats should be called upon at this time to organize a government is one of the most significant political events in British history. In a war that has been prolific in paradoxes, there has been no other such paradox as this."

Australia is going to wage war on the Industrial Workers of the World. If Australia starts something, it will finish it, too.

Lloyd George has been compared to Roosevelt. Which should feel flattered?

FATHER CESTELLI.

La Grande people who knew Rev. Father Cestelli, aged 76, chaplain of St. Vincent's Hospital, read with regret of his death in Portland, in an automobile accident Friday. He had lived a useful life and had done many deeds of mercy and charity.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The New Speaker.

Robert N. Stanfield, original owner of the site of Stanfield, the town of the Umatilla irrigation district, is a native of Oregon, having been born here 40 years ago. He is the second of the name, his father having been a pioneer of Eastern Oregon. Mr. Stanfield has been actively identified with the development of irrigable areas in the state and also in the up-building of the wool industry. He has served as president of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association and is also a large stock raiser. For the last two sessions of the legislature he has represented the people of Morrow and Umatilla counties at Salem. He is a Mason, an Elk and a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is one of the closest students of irrigation work in the west and has the added advantage of having seen many of his plans carried out in actual practice. He is considered an authority on the legal phase of irrigation matters.—The Portland Telegram.

We Must Pull Together

This gentle comment is from the Weston Leader: "The East Oregonian now broadly favors a normal school at any suitable point in Umatilla county rather than that all the money for state education go to western Oregon."

More than that the East Oregonian favors a normal school at any 'suitable point' in eastern Oregon; not necessarily in Umatilla county. This paper's support of normal school education in eastern Oregon has always been upon broad grounds, not on a 'pork barrel' basis. When the Weston normal school was before the people it always had the East Oregonian's support. The normal measure voted upon this fall should have had the support of Weston people instead

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of their opposition. But that is now a thing of the past and discussion is futile. It is time all were learning, however, that if eastern Oregon is to get just treatment from the state our people must work together. Otherwise the Willamette valley will continue to have a monopoly on state educational work and eastern Oregon will continue to suffer by the situation.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

The Snow. Oh, the snow, The pure white snow, Covering the dirt And filth below.

Puts me in mind Of the Savior's grace Covering the sins Of a fallen race.

Lifting them up To a higher plane Bringing us back To God again.

Bridging the way From Earth to Heaven, Giving the Joy Of sins forgiven.

Giving us hope Of a home on high Meeting with Jesus Up in the sky.

Giving us faith That we might see Beyond the clouds With Him we'll be.

As the snow comes down So soft and mild, God's grace will cover A humble child.

Who looks to Him In trusting faith, Be he a giant Or little waif.

For when Christ died Upon the cross He died to save All who were lost.

Whether child or man It's just the same, If we but cry In Jesus' name.

The Father sees The crimson wave, And stoops to listen And to save. —H. F. BRIGGS La Grande Dec. 23

House Hints

Add a little drop of salad oil to mustard when it is being made. Not only will it improve the taste, but it will keep it fresh for days.

When scrambling eggs for breakfast, add one tablespoonful of fine

bread crumbs and one tablespoonful of milk to every beaten egg. Season with pepper and salt and cook in the usual way. By this means stale bread may be used up, and one egg will go as far as two.

Rub the kettles all over with a cut lemon dipped in salt, then rinse thoroughly with clear water and polish with a soft cloth.

An easy way to skin a beet without bleeding it and causing it to lose color is to put it in cold water as soon as it is cooked. Then draw the hand gently down the beet and the skin will drop off without trouble.

Hang a five-cent slate on the inside of the cupboard door, on which to jot down items liable to be forgotten.

The disagreeable taste of castor oil may be concealed by giving the dose in hot milk flavored with salt and a sprinkle of black pepper. It is necessary to have the milk warm enough to mix with the oil or some of it will float on the surface. Castor oil can also be made more palatable by adding lemon juice.

Salt and vinegar will remove stains from discolored tea cups.

To tighten cane-bottomed chairs wash the chair in a strong solution of soda and water and let it get thoroughly dry. When dry it will be found that the cane has shrunk and the seat tightened.

When my eldest boy outgrows his clothing, it is laid away for a while and when the next boy can use it, with great ceremony the oldest boy brings it out and presents it to the younger brother. Upon these occasions we have a "party" (cookies and fruit), and we never remember we are wearing old, outgrown clothes.

Coffee and tea stains, if rubbed with butter and afterward washed in hot soapsuds, will come out, leaving the table linen quite fresh and white.

Save candy jars, lable and fill them with different spices, and keep them in a neat row on the cupboard or pantry shelf.

Sew tapes to each corner of the baby's quilt, so he can't kick it off.

Put a clean marble in a pot of vegetables to keep them from scorching. The heat keeps the marble rolling around.

A Handy Step

The upper shelves of my kitchen cabinet were so high as to be out of my reach. They were never of much use to me until I got my husband to place a step (he used a small iron bracket) on the lower panel between

the two doors, and a handle on the upper panel between the two doors containing the shelves. By grasping the handle and stepping on the bracket I could easily reach the top shelves without standing on a chair.

Who Am I?

J. D. Brennan, superintendent of the Sacramento division of the Southern Pacific company, is the author of the following which has created so much interest among railroad men and shippers that we are now reprinting it on request:

I am more talked of than anything else in America! I am the autocrat of commercial interests!

I control the treasuries of the world! I command the bank clearance! I am as powerful as Ajax! I can stop commerce!

I am supreme! Rulers and the common people alike Take off their hats to me! My aristocratic cousins, the luxurious Pullman car,

And the steel coach who in the past snubbed Me, now crave my favors! I am merciful!

I can help you, but I lack energy. You must supply that! Left to my own efforts I am inert and innocuous! Energize me and you increase your bank account!

Stimulate me and the wheels of commerce revolve! WHO AM I?

I am the freight car! I market your crops! Load me promptly! Unload me quickly! Move me swiftly! You will prosper!

—San Francisco Bulletin.

He Gets More Mail Than President Wilson

In the January American Magazine a writer says:

"Spillman is the chief of the Office of Farm Management in the Bureau of Plant Industry at the Department of Agriculture. It all sounds inconspicuous enough. But Spillman gets more mail than the President of the United States. He provides to answer questions. He knows more than any other man in the country about how to make a farm pay. And so he doesn't run a farm, but tells others how. There may be others who know just as much as Spillman about how to run a farm in a given locality, but Spillman knows just what to do in any part of the whole United States. Take a map of the whole country, shut your eyes, and jab a pin into any place on the map at random. If you happen to stick it into farm land, Spillman could go there and make him Spillman could go there, take charge of the place, and make it pay a profit."

Happy New Year To you and your's, we wish you a happy New Year's Day—a day whose joys may abide with you through many, many days to come. We wish that it finds you a better and richer man or woman, than last year. If not, why not? Now, today, open an account with us. Make a resolution that the close of the new year will see you better off than you now are. What is Your Decision? La Grande National Bank