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KEEP ON SAWING

Heretofore the German authorities have had a swift and effective method for dealing with malcontents. Whenever one of the gentry has become too vociferous he has been promptly seized by the military power and sent to the front where he has been given a nice and deadly post of duty.

R. ALEXANDER

R. Alexander has sold his business in Pendleton. He must regret to sell the business that his own energy, foresight and determination built up. It is probably as dear to him as a son.

THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE

A Zurich dispatch says, Germany has lost 1,300,000 dead in this war. Think of more than one million homes full of misery and sorrow. What a burden for the Kaiser the Crown Prince, von Hindenburg, Ludendorff and the rest of the arch criminals of the German military party.

The Modern Spirit

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THE AVERAGE AMERICAN

The average American will sit tight, keep a cool head, keep his tongue under control, put plenty of steam into his daily work, bring home his pay check every week to his wife, give what he can to the Liberty loans, war stamps and Red Cross and Y. M. C. A., and support the President.

NOT CLEVER

A newspaper headline says, "Boy of 11 is clever robber." The word "clever" should not be applied to robbers. No robber is clever. He has the poorest profession in the world. If he were clever, he would not be in such poor business.

The only thing for the packers to do if they don't want to get indicted, is to call Francis J. Heney off of stop the investigation.

It seems that it is patriotic now to eat potatoes; which is a very easy task indeed.

The doughnut might be hooverized by enlarging the hole.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Agnostic Is Converted

The former professed agnostic, Horatio W. Bottomley, editor of John Bull, an independent weekly published in London, has this to say in regard to his own conversion: "Now, today, in my fifty-fifth year, and after about as strenuous a life as any man of that age has ever lived I believe in God and in the immortality of the soul of man."

Get Result or Get Out

Soldiers and officers have been executed and cashiered because they broke the military law. Other soldiers and officers have been discharged because they were deficient.

Big men in Washington who have worn out the seat of their breeches in the swivel chair should be made to either get results or to get out.

The American people realize the necessity of a big army.

They are ready to pay war taxes. They send their boys to the camps from the four quarters of the republic. They are doing their part and they demand that Congress and the administration heads do their part as well.

And they must do it, and do it at once.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Another Breakdown

The United States has sent so many soldiers abroad already that the allies have a numerical superiority on the western front in spite of the German transfers from the Russian front; but what our critics want to know is who is responsible for this state of affairs and why did not they do it before the war had started.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Giving the Railroads Back

President Wilson did not take over the railways of this country to test out the merits of government ownership or government operation. He took them over because in a national crisis it was necessary that the railroads should do things which, under operation by their managers and owners, the law will not let them do.

As to Government Ownership

The amendment introduced in the Senate limiting the government operation of the railways to a fixed period after the war doubtless reflects a fear of ultimate government ownership of the system.

That there will be support of such an amendment from Democrats as well as Republicans is certain. The possible abuses—financial and political—involved in federal ownership are dreaded by many men in Congress who heartily approved of taking over the lines for the period of the war.

In view of the stupendous burdens the country has assumed, an attempt to finance the acquisition of the railways, with their twenty-billion-dollar capitalization and debt, in the near future would be far from popular.

Mobilizing Labor

Announcement has been made that the United States employment service has undertaken, upon instructions from the department of labor, the mobilization of 3,000,000 workers for agriculture, shipbuilding and war contract plants. The plan is excellent, but what guaranty is there of its success? To assemble and place the workers may be easily possible, but what power will hold them when placed? In plain language: How can strikes be prevented?—Albany Journal.

Curfew

The village clock is on the stroke of ten. The bars are closed, the lights go out, and then homeward the weary townsman plods his way. And silence ends a fuel-saving day.

—Springfield Union.

JOSEPH NEWS ITEMS

JOSEPH, Feb. 5.—(Special).—The cold spell which has visited the east is now upon us. On Wednesday night the thermometer registered 16 degrees below zero. Just before the extreme cold about three inches of snow and after the cold snap about three inches more, making with what we had before, it seems quite like real old-fashioned winter.

The McCully Mercantile Company department store of Joseph is putting on a demonstration of King's dried fruits and vegetables under the supervision of Miss Beatrice Cox, of the sales department of the Witronberg & King company of Portland.

Among the features at the Peoples Theatre this week was the picture, "Over There" which showed the actual construction of Camp Pike, one of our great army cantonments. During the course of the picture a building of fair size was constructed in thirty-eight minutes. Some speed! Many noses, ears and toes, as well as water pipes were frozen during our cold snap. In fact it was not unusual to see some one sporting a 'big red nose, reminding one of "the boys gone by" when Oregon was wet.

Mrs. J. T. McClain has been quite ill at her home in North Joseph the past week. Dr. Albert Mount is in attendance.

What was pronounced to be absolutely the best time of the season was the Epworth League sleigh ride, which was enjoyed by about thirty Joseph young people ranging in age from 15 to 20 years, not to mention the sedate(?) chaperones of whom there was great abundance. The ride which was nine or ten miles in length ended at the Lyon Lane on Upper Prairie Creek. Music and the treat fire place were enjoyed until about mid-night when wieners, sandwiches and cocoa arrived on the scene, these soon disappearing, and after the last crumb had been stowed away a few songs were sung and the crowd departed after voting Mr. and Mrs. Lyon, a jolly host and hostess. The ride home was fully enjoyed as all such prospects here are, the sleds arriving about 2:00 o'clock.

The Joseph schools were dismissed Friday noon because the furnace had sprung a leak. A new furnace is being installed to heat out the old one which has proved inadequate. The new furnace is the same size as the old one and they will be joined, giving double the heat before obtained. Mr. Samuel White will supervise the installation.

John Lowery left Saturday for Portland where he expects to join the Engineer Corps of the U. S. Army. Mr. Lowery has been here for nearly a year as manager of the Southwest-

Advertisement for 'The New Stetsons for Young Americans' featuring a hat illustration and text: 'We have the new Gordons and Stetsons in. The new "Aviation" model—come in and try one on. They're wide brim, low crown, narrow band; strong, definite character throughout. We've scores of other fine new hats to show you, too. All colors and shapes, in Gordons and Stetsons. Prices \$3.50 and \$4.50. Service Hats. A very large collection of Service hats—all shapes and prices. Black and tan are the colors. Men who have worn them know what the Stetson Service hat is—a strong, serviceable felt hat for all-weather wear. You are invited to get acquainted with our hat department. Come in and see them—try them on, then buy when you're ready. N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE'

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



Our little "cold snap" gave us high hopes for good skating on the lake but it was too short to do any thing of the kind. However, sleigh riding parties are still popular, especially in the younger set. Not only has the M. E. Sunday school been growing in numbers but it has also been making some improvements in the Sunday school rooms, such as new class room partitions and painting.

Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good.—Adv.

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