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Germany's Latest Note to America.

Stripped of diplomatic claptrap, which marks communications of all nations on state affairs, the German note means very little. It shows that the junker element, the militarists, are going to continue the war if they can cope with the internal German troubles. The note is as much for Germany as it is for the allies, and perhaps more so, and while it will get no place among the allied nations, it may have a temporary effect of stimulating the German people to go further and lose more.

That the Kaiser realizes he is down and out and that his nation has lost is very evident. That the Kaiser did throw up his hands and quite several days ago, is now very apparent. But he was pushed back into action by his advisors, much as the prize fighter who has become groggy and ready to quit is held up by his seconds until his opponent delivers the knock-out blow. So eager are the militarists to continue that they are holding up their fighting chief, although he is out of wind and, in fact, hanging over the ropes.

This is their privilege. They can hold him up until he receives the final punch that will turn daylight into darkness for him and the rest of the German nation. Now let everybody pull together for the final punch.

Whiskey Did a Fine Thing For the Country.

With due apology to Mrs. Para Thornton and Susan B. Anthony, the Evening Observer emphasizes the fact that whiskey has done a fine thing for this nation when it loosened the tongue of Henry Albers, of Portland, and caused him to speak his sentiments regarding the German empire.

According to officials Albers imbibed from a bottle while traveling on a train in Oregon, and when the liquor got to working he, like many men who use it, talked exactly what was in his mind and soul. Don't say "liquor caused the poor man to make a fool of himself," for in the language of an old-time Missourian, "if you want a man to tell the truth let him become intoxicated."

Albers uttered a few remarks such as these:
 "McAdoo is a —"
 "I am a German and don't deny it."
 "Once a German always a German."
 "Why should the government tell me what to do."
 "We could never lick the Kaiser in 1900 years."
 "I am a German at heart."
 "My brothers are pro-Huns; so am I."
 "There will be a revolution here

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in ten years; yes, in two years, maybe."
 Of course, he spoke what was in his heart, thanks to the whiskey, and as a result he is now in the toils of the law. His punishment should be such that anyone who thinks like he does in this country will hold their peace or change their views.

Albers is a big man — in the money sense. Why? Because he came to America with nothing and under the protection of American laws and the American flag he has grown rich, very rich. Had he lived in Germany, the country of his choice, he probably would be a trucking ape of nobility, bowing to kaiserism and brushing the shoes of the crown prince. In America he is permitted to become wealthy. Yet he loves "der kaiser and der tear old faterland."

There is but one decent recipe for the treatment of such people as Albers:
 To h—ll with them and all like them.

The Great Vehicle For Good During a War.

Generosity in the most pronounced form has marked every citizen's act in supporting the Red Cross, and the superb management of the American Red Cross has brought about what would have appeared miracles years ago. The care and attention given to the wounded in the great European battles is almost past human understanding.

Field hospital units with complete operating equipment now follow immediately on the heels of our advancing armies. So perfect is the system now in force that within 40 minutes after arriving at an advance station just behind the firing line these mobile operating units are ready to receive our wounded soldiers and perform major operations that were impossible at the front during previous wars.

These mobile units consist of 62 officers, 50 nurses, and 200 enlisted men, divided into five sections, each with a chief surgeon and several assistants. Within 40 minutes of their arrival the units unload their equipment, have hospital beds made under canvas and have their operating pavilions ready in tents erected over metal floors. The outfits are complete in every respect, including electric sterilizers, x-ray plants and powerful electric lights over each operating table, all supplied by motors and dynamos carried on Red Cross trucks.

Efficiency of this kind is said to be resulting in a greater saving of life among the wounded of the American army than has ever been accomplished by any other nation now at war. The promptness with

which severe cases can receive proper surgical treatment not only saves hundreds of lives but avoids the necessity for thousands of cases of amputation, because the wounds are treated so quickly that there is no chance for the start of serious infection.

Which Law Serves People Best?

Let the present delinquent tax publication law of Oregon alone. Whenever the voters of this state tamper with an existing statute of merit, the inevitable result is a boomerang. Whenever, likewise, the freak legislation succeeds in placing some wild phrenzied plan on the statute books, the voters of Oregon bear the burden until such time as the law can be cut off the books. Such is the history of freak legislation.

Get this point clear. The present delinquent tax publication law was devised for one purpose only — to protect the unfortunate delinquent taxpayer from that peculiar brand of social parasite known as the title grabber. It is considered a model law by adjoining states and its practical application has convinced all that it is a statute of merit. When speaking of statutes, merit can only be measured by services rendered to the citizens of the state.

C. S. Jackson, editor of the Portland Journal, is attempting to substitute a pet scheme of his own to replace the present law.

Glance at the differences between the present law and the Jackson camouflage measure:
 The present law provides that a mail notice be sent to all delinquents within a certain time following the delinquency date.
 The Jackson law does likewise.
 The present law, to save the de-

What's the right thing to do about buying clothes?

You're glad to do the right thing, when you know what it is, we all feel the same way. You are told that it's important that business shall go on; also that unnecessary consumption takes labor and material from war work. What's the patriotic thing to do?

YOU as a wearer of clothes, and we as merchants, ought to save on clothes in every way possible. The less you consume, the more labor and material are left for our fighting forces.

That's why we say "take care of your clothes; make them last longer."

That's why we say "if you need new clothes, get good clothes." American money should be spent for goods that save by lasting service.

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delinquent property from the title grabbers and scheming land attorneys, who are always "taking a chance" on delinquent titles, further provides that when the mail notices fail to perform their function, then and only then, may the notice be given by publication.
 The Jackson law amendment leaves out the publication entirely, and thus the delinquent who fails to get his notice is entirely at the mercy of the title grabber.
 Which is the better law? Which serves the interest of the taxpayer best? Which is the more equitable statute from the taxpayers' viewpoint?
 The answer is apparent to every thinking voter. Vote "NO" on Jackson's delinquent tax bill.

three commissioners are elected to serve without compensation, except so far their meeting per diem — and all city work is done by employees by the day and without contracts. In this instance, the work sought to be done was submitted to the city engineer to examine into, draw plans and specifications, with estimates of materials required, with cost. He furnished the manager with complete details, who with sufficient help proceeded to perform the job. Instead of following such plans and specifications indicated, the work was done at a different point, in a different manner and with different materials than required. Excavation was made for one required pier and in the change, refilled, all costing money. The city has no inspector outside of the manager, who is responsible to the commissioners for the work done, and that is the reason why weekly reports are exacted by the charter. On the first of this month the

manager obtained leave of absence to further the political campaign of Walter Pierce, and is in a distant part of the state. Being chairman of the Board of Commissioners I have been acting manager since and, as such, visited the Beaver Creek water works and saw for the first time the condition of affairs. It was my duty to do so and report the same that steps may be taken to put the works in proper shape. It would be well, since said report seems to be challenged, that a committee of disinterested citizens be requested to take the plans and specifications and examine the work to verify my report.
 Respectfully,
 J. D. MCKENNON.

Miss Gladys Miller is starting a class in piano. Cat. Black 1271. 10-6-04, pd
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 Observer advertising will bring results.

FORUM

MR. MCKENNON ANSWERS.

Editor Observer: Answering your editorial inquiry relative to my first report as acting city manager of city affairs, including recent work done on the Beaver Creek water intake as to "a contract for the work without an inspector" permit me to explain. Under the charter

GETTIN' RICH

Did you ever study much about getting rich?

Some people are getting rich, and, apparently, with great ease. Do you know their plan? In many instances here it is:

They commenced by laying aside a fixed portion of their income; this they deposited regularly in banks, where it was allowed to accumulate.

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