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Paying the Penalty For "Dirty Tricks."

Maximilian Harden, Germany's brilliant free lance editor, states the truth with engaging frankness:
"We started the war with a dirty trick and all our subsequent victories have been the results of dishonesty. William II is a film hero and Germany a vulgar cinematograph show. We sit today on the ruins of 30 years of Hohenzollern politics."
The "dirty trick" was Germany's ally manipulation of Austria to seize upon the Serajevo assassination of the Austrian crown prince as a pretext for war. The dishonesty was the canting, lying insistent plea put forth by the kaiser and his aides that Germany was fighting a defensive war.
To do Harden justice it must be said that from the beginning he scorned the hypocrisy of the German government. In the opening weeks of the conflict, his newspaper was suppressed for this frank avowal:
"Cease the pitiful attempts to excuse Germany's action. No longer wait to strangers, who do not care to hear you, telling them how dear to us were the smiles of peace we had smeared like rouge upon our lips and how deeply we regret in our hearts that the treachery of conspirators dragged us unwillingly into a forced war. . . . That national selfishness does not seem a duty to you, but a sin, is something you must conceal from foreign eyes. . . . Not as weak-willed blunderers have we undertaken the fearful risk of this war. We wanted it."
Harden administers bitter but wholesome medicine to the kaiser, the general staff and the deceived German people. They are paying now the penalty for the "dirty tricks" and 30 years of fatuous following of Hohenzollern politics.

The Drive Should Be An Easy One.

While there are unquestionably some difficulties in the way on account of the prevailing disease, the actual work of supplying the War Chest should not be a task of great magnitude. It is a small amount compared with what the people of Union and Wallawa counties have already come forward with for the prosecution of the war.
There are also other reasons why the amount to be subscribed should come with less reluctance than any of the subscriptions heretofore pledged. It is the most plain case in the world that the heavy expense of war is nearing the end, but there is still much to do to be sure that the brave soldiers across the waters are well and fully provided for. The seven beneficiary organizations are each doing their share to make the lot of the soldier as light as possible. There is unlimited evidence that this work receives the appreciation of the ones who are bearing the heavy burden of war, and there is also unmistakable evidence that the funds contributed through these sources are properly applied. It is a great work and it comes less burdensome when every day

Union County has an excellent chance to secure the Eastern Oregon Normal school, if the measure carries at the coming election.
Union County, in fact, has more than an excellent chance—her location as a central point for all Eastern Oregon gives her a big lead.
But Union County, nor any other county, will get the school unless the bill carries.
Every voter in this county has the best of reasons for supporting the Normal School Bill.
It is the chance of a life-time for Union County.

brings the time nearer when the boys will be home.
No one would, for any consideration, deny them all that can be reasonably supplied. The right thing to do is to subscribe the amounts freely and cheerfully, as the time is certainly approaching when appeals, as far as war relief work is concerned, will be at an end.

Put In Knife and Then Turned It.

Fred DeNeff, of Multnomah county, is a hundred per cent American. When Judge Gantenbein, after refusing an army majorship because he wanted to be colonel, tried to make his campaign for district judge in Multnomah county on his patriotism, Fred DeNeff called him. Not only did he camp on Gantenbein's trail, but he addressed a little meeting of patriotic laboring people and proceeded to put a crimp in the Judge that will never be ironed out.

To the discredit of the Coast Ship-building company, may it be said, that concern rushed to Gantenbein's assistance and tried in a very poorly written letter to twist a little praise into the Judge and at the same time make it appear to the public that the ship-building company was not taking a hand in politics.

It is a safe bet that the writer of the letter is another Gantenbein. Everyone who knows Fred DeNeff believes in him and what he said about Gantenbein was true, or Fred would never have said it.

It is a fine thing that this masquerading in patriotism to obtain office should be nipped in the bud, and the Observer has the highest commendation for Fred DeNeff, and the fearless manner he called a spade a spade, and a Gantenbein a Gantenbein.

Oregon Needs Such Men As I. N. Day.

The substantial element in the state will note with a great deal of satisfaction that I. N. Day, of Multnomah

county, may run for the state senate to fill the vacancy of Pat Olson, who has been elevated to the supreme bench.

Multnomah county could do nothing better than induce I. N. Day to give his time to another session of the Oregon legislature. When he was in that body once before some of the most constructive work ever offered to the people of this state was the product of his mind. I. N. Day sees farther than most men and he has a keen mind in every particular. He is about as near a statesman as any man we have ever met in the state.

During his former term as senator he suffered the most uncalculated abuse, but even those who derided him then have since admitted his ability. If we had a few I. N. Days in public life in Oregon we would not be trailing behind Washington and other western states.

Let Every Voter Understand the Normal.

It is only a few days until election and every voter should understand fully the meaning of the Normal School bill. First, the school will not be built until after the war is over. Second, it is a school to train teachers and not another of the "higher educational" institutions of which the state has heard so much and from which the state has gained so little. The normal school is the poor man's school. It is the great instrument that teaches the teacher how to teach the children.

We are very lax in this state in our school work. If you do not believe it, grab a bunch of youngsters and you will be surprised how little they know. This is no fault of the children. It is because so many teachers are poorly trained, and in many instances the absolute lack of teachers.

Union county has an excellent chance to get this school located here if the Normal School bill carries. See to it that not a neighbor fails to vote for the measure. We need it in the state and the people of Eastern Ore-

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gen are certainly entitled to something of a public nature.

Charles E. Hughes found something in his aircraft investigation. It is up to Champ Clark to move that the report be laid on the table and, perhaps, Kitchin might second the motion.

With La Grande possessing the colonel, in the person of Colonel Coolidge, it is not unreasonable to speculate that some time we might have regimental headquarters here.

The influenza in La Grande is no longer a small matter. We have it here in a bad form and everyone must use good sense and precaution.

Austria, after all, was a shell. The Hapsburgs had worked their rabbit's foot a long time and got away with it. But no more.

The kaiser knows he is going to abdicate, but he does not know just when.

Several more days like today and the alfalfa will be ready to cut once more.

Now the Russian wheat can come through the Dardanelles.

Yes, the Allies have Turkey for Thanksgiving, all right.

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A Few of the Many Reasons Why Governor Withycombe Should Be Re-Elected

- He is loyally, patriotically American.
- He has faithfully cooperated with the President in every war time activity.
- He was foremost of Governors for preparedness and has earnestly supported a vigorous prosecution of the war.
- He has stood for and insisted upon a square deal for both labor and capital, industrial development of the state and suppression of I. W. Wism.
- He has for more than 20 years earnestly supported and vigorously advocated woman suffrage and prohibition and has stood for a better and cleaner state.
- He did not assist in organizing the Non-Partisan League in Oregon, neither was he ever a worshipper at the shrine of Populism and other organizations of doubtful purpose and loyalty.
- He has conducted his office patriotically, fairly and economically—always has he placed patriotism and efficiency in the public service above party politics.
- He has given his earnest consideration and substantial effort in promoting the happiness and comfort of the boys in the service of their country, and, lastly
- He has a record for a sound, business administration and loyal and earnest effort in the nation's present crisis that should command the approval and support of the whole people.

Re-Elect Withycombe --- Why Experiment?

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