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There Is Some Distress in La Grande Now.

This city is usually free from distress. It is seldom that the hand of charity must be stretched to any of our regular citizens. Occasionally transient people move into La Grande for the winter and find themselves confronted with want and then, of course, they are given aid.

But this is an exceptional year. Sickness has made itself felt in the community and some very good people have been overtaken with calamity. In some cases the bread winner is ill and has been for a length of time. Families are in straitened circumstances and it is the duty of every citizen to survey his immediate community for cases of suffering. When a worthy case is found no time should be lost in reporting it either to the city or county authorities or to the Red Cross. We are all here to help each other. If any person is egotistical enough to believe he can live within himself he should think once more, for the riches of today may take wings and those who are so very comfortable with the nightfall may awaken in the morning to find themselves penniless.

Are we our brother's keeper? We are. Most assuredly we are. The great human family needs the bonds of friendship pulled tighter. It needs to perform acts of charity and kindness to know and appreciate its blessings.

Therefore, if you have a neighbor who is down and out, make it your special order of business to assist him.

Governor Withycombe Is a Soldier Governor.

Too much praise cannot be given Governor Withycombe for his consistent stand in denouncing that the people of Oregon take a deep and profound interest in the returned soldier. The governor realizes how proud we are as a people to talk lots and do little on such matters, and he therefore has taken the bit in his teeth and appointed Mayor George Baker of Portland to proceed with the work.

All who know George know he is a "prover" in the fullest sense. He shows the practical citizen who wants a responsive appointment for the position it will bring, and he turns with disgust from the club woman whose sense of duty is overshadowed by her desire for newspaper notoriety. Whatever criticism may be lodged against the Portland mayor it must be admitted that he is a doer of things. Laying matters on the table makes no hit with him and if you take a proposition to the city hall in Portland you had better be prepared to defend it for you will get action before you know it.

For this reason he is the one proper person to put at the head of the soldier situation. Withycombe has made an appointment with the state which will make over to George Baker's diplomacy is lacking in a great extent and when employers fail to do as they should to do, during banquet hours and hours of parade when the boys were leaving, he will likely speak their names out to the entire state.

"Sorry for the War," So They Claim.

The mental attitude of the German people since the signing of the armistice has been very disappointing to

Americans. The United States was not war primarily to seek to war mania out of Germany—to make Germany sorry for starting the war and repentant for her military arrogance and ambitions. And what is the result? The Germans are not sorry for the war. writes a correspondent from Coblenz. "I have been told dozens of times by German citizens here that they are sorry the war stopped, for they thought they might have won. Defeat has not aroused the German people here or in France. They regret the ending of the hostilities, not because it was inhuman, but because it was a political policy which brought America into the war. Germany would make France suffer again tomorrow, would again threaten civilization tomorrow, if she could get away with it. "Something must happen to this German people more than has happened. They are too haughty about everything. "Something will happen to them. It will happen in the form of monetary indemnities and other punitive measures far heavier than the allies would have ever thought of imposing had it not been for this persistent German egotism. Only thus can the object of the war be attained, and the German people be brought to the humble and repentant frame of mind which is necessary for the future welfare of the world and the salvation of their own souls.

Demobilizing Profanity—An Unnecessary Evil.

As a nation we allowed ourselves to become unduly profane during the war. We took it for granted that the soldiers must necessarily swear a lot, and proceeded to perfect the art in civilian life. Perfectly respectable people, who would ordinarily have been ashamed to use such language in private life, boldly pasted on automobile windshields heated phrases about the Hohenzollerns, and wore on their coats buttons consigning the kaiser and various other Germans to the lower regions. The habit spread alarmingly until little children imitated grown-ups and frequently outdid them in expressing violent and profane condemnation of all things pertaining to the despised Wilhelm. Even the preachers fell into a too common form of condemning the Hun, and a loved army chaplain with the Yanks in France is reported to have said "If swearing will win the war, I'm for swearing."

The soldiers are now setting the rest of the American people a good example in this regard. The official soldier publication abroad, Stars and Stripes, is reported to have asked for a readjustment of the profanity output. This is no New Year resolution stuff about swearing off once for all and cutting it out forever and ever. It is simply a suggestion that everybody make a sane and decent attempt to return to normal modes of expressing themselves. The worst of the war strain is over, and peace can surely be ushered in without completely destroying the friendliness of the English language.

Association Chose a Good Man for the Job.

In selecting A. C. Hampton to head the State Teachers' association for the coming year the representative council of that body made a wise choice. For Mr. Hampton is not only abundantly qualified to direct the state body, but his heart and soul is given to school work. Few men live their work as does Mr. Hampton. He has severed all thought of other business, no side lines take up his time or attention. He is devoted to the development of the young and in that capacity he has proved his worth. His first thought will be of the child and its future and his next thought will be of the teacher who must teach that child. Mr. Hampton knows better than most men that it is impossible to have good schools without good teachers, just as it is impossible to have good children without good mothers.

The critical time for Oregon schools is at hand because the state has voted to vote down any additional normal schools, thus limiting the output of teachers for the future. We hope the general public will take Mr. Hampton's recommendations and follow them, for what he says will be from sincere and honest study of the situation and will not be random remarks.

We hope the Germans are taking advantage of New Year's day to make some much-needed resolutions.

Right Road to Happiness.

The happiest are the happiest who work steadily, who enjoy and forget themselves. The dissatisfied are those who are seeking happiness for themselves.

Mrs. Wiley's Letter.

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Wiley of Litchfield, Ill., says "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a cathartic, and have found them a quick and sure relief. If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good." Adv.

FORUM

ORE ON THE F... The ancient conflict that has raged with more or less intensity since the primordial—the conflict between reason and superstition is with us yet. Reason is defined as that process of thinking where causes and effects are directly and continuously related. Superstition arrives at its conclusions from causes wholly remote or entirely disconnected. It is useless, however, to engage in a controversy where no common standard of arbitration exists, still in the realm of the miraculous all have the same right to guess, but when a question has been crystallized into statute law the time for guessing is past.

Reason in medicine, as in all science, does not claim to have attained all the heights of knowledge, but it claims the police power to regulate the affairs of a community for its health, safety and general welfare.

Coming to the defense of the "soothsayers" who have been severely criticized by certain of your correspondents in discussing the ban that has been placed on the ill I wish to say:

1st. That it is bad form for a leading man of the community to refer to the pestilences of the past when whole cities and countries were made desolate and despoiled, and to state that we should adopt the same methods of controlling disease that were in vogue in Europe during the "black death" and other pestilences. These critics say great stress is being devoted to great stress on being devout Christian gentlemen. Listen to what Jesus Christ has to say about it:

2nd. "Render unto Caesar the things that belong to Caesar, and unto God the things that belong to God." Do we not like unto the practices, who like to be heard for their loud speaking, and who say their prayers from the house tops, that they may be heard of men, but, verily, I say unto you, pray in secret, and the Lord who seeth in secret will reward you openly."

The first proposition means the divorce of church and state, and the other means it is not necessary to have public meetings to engage in prayer and worship.

J. B. STODDARD.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Another reason why a man never gets quite enough money is because he always wants one more piece of property.

What has become of the old-fashioned gallant who put woman on a pedestal and left her to starve to death up there?

Our position simply is that no man ought to be allowed to grow the kind of whiskers that look like nonessential industry.

If the truth could be discovered, probably it would be found that it makes a horridly pretty sore to try to get blood out of a flivver.

Of course we have other troubles, but we don't have to press our hair down with one hand while we put our hat on with the other.—Dallas News.

To enable a man to smooth a new concrete sidewalk while standing erect a long-handled trowel has been patented that the face of the trowel will not cut into the concrete.

While a steel tube is stronger and more rigid than a bar of the same metal of equal weight, a French scientist has demonstrated that a tube is more flexible than a bar of the same exterior dimensions.

The wheels of one new farm tractor are equipped with radiating legs, which enter and grip the soil, while another has no wheels and literally walks over the ground on skids at the ends of four legs.

All phone orders promptly attended to. Phone Red 231. The Telegrams. 12-27-18.

Oregon's Industrial News.

Marshfield—Coos Bay district cut 265,000,000 feet of lumber in 1918. Salem—State highway commission will take bids January 7th on \$700,000 road work.

Klamath Falls—Pelican Bay sawmill increases capacity to 70,000,000 feet.

Eight bulls built at Aberdeen in fitted with machinery at Portland.

Portland—A Bina Engine & Machine works launch one vessel and deliver another to the government December 30th, 1918.

Portland—Port commission to build 12,000-ton drydock.

Portland—Pacific Steamship company to establish Portland-Oriental service.

Butter scoring contest of western dairy products show to be held in Boise, Ida., Feb. 10, 11 and 12. Any creamery in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah is eligible.

Glendale—New sawmill going in here.

Indications are that 1918 apple crop in Oregon Washington, Montana and Idaho will total approximately \$21,000,000.

One of most conspicuous examples of public ownership of street railways is case of Boston Elevated, \$3,000,000 deficit in six months on 7c fare.

Portland—Eagle flour mills to erect another mill; capacity 1000 bins. Roseburg to make weekly live stock shipment to Portland markets.

Oregon City—Local man ships 300,000 strawberry plants to California firm.

Roseburg—Herd men of state want herd law amended not to extend to mountain ranges.

Oregon City—W. P. Hawley to build \$25,000 home here.

Corvallis—Benton county to have 2000 acres beams next year. Growers want warehouse and cleaning plant here.

Salem—Wittanburg-King company importing carload cabbage daily, as well as between 50,000 and 100,000 lbs. carrots. Celery, turnips, parsnips wanted.

Pendleton—County court to set aside \$50,000 this year to grade road between Pendleton and Morrow county line.

The state lime board asks \$10,000. It asks authority to sell lime outside the state. As an experiment in state socialism it is a failure.

Oregon City—Southern Pacific to construct new steel bridge here.

Corvallis—Eleven miles Benton county roads to be hard surfaced, to cost \$220,000.

Roseburg—One hundred thousand lbs. beans sent out from district in a week.

The Dalles—Wasco Milling company running at capacity; three eight-hour shifts.

Gresham—Yearly fruit and vegetable pack of cannery over 32,000 cases.

Salem—Contracts let to Columbia Contract company for 50,000 yards of road material for paving eighteen miles between Salem and Astoria.

River and harbor improvements for Ore. & Pacific \$1,330,000 for Coos Bay; \$200,000 for Yaquina bay and harbor, and \$24,000 for Coquille bay and harbor.

Head River county to increase taxes 5 per cent in 1919 for good roads work.

Lebanon—New \$10,000 cannery building authorized by board of directors. Equipment to cost \$2000.

Robinet—Standard Oil company building oil warehouse here. Capacity five carloads.

Portland—State highway commission appropriates \$100,000 for Umatilla county roads.

The trade of the constitution baker has been generally discontinued by the elections in western states this fall. Legislators take notice.

Bond to get next trout hatchery.

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