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Alexander Sighed for More Work to Do.

It has been hinted that there is to be a Prohibition candidate for president of the United States. For what purpose would such a campaign, with prohibition as the dominant issue, be placed before the people? There was, or there has been for years, a "prohibition party," and no one ever heard of that party getting anywhere. Its members included the radical few who were simply willing to stand up and be counted. The real idea for which they contended never made any perceptible progress as a party measure. Prohibition has become a reality through the expressed choice of people of all shades of party belief, and that is sufficient to show that the movement never had any standing as a party proposition, but has met with general endorsement, regardless of affiliations. And prohibition has come as a national measure very much sooner than the most sanguine could have hoped for.

A fair illustration of how the question is regarded as a party proposition was seen in Oregon in the last race for the governorship. There were two candidates for the nomination who were specifically and diametrically opposed to each other on the prohibition, or "temperance" question. Neither one of them got to first base when the votes were counted. The reason was plain enough. The prohibition question had been settled in Oregon and the people knew it. They knew that whoever might occupy the chair as chief executive of the state must be a prohibition governor, because prohibition is a law in Oregon, and the man who is governor does not become clothed with the powers of that office until he has subscribed to an oath to support the laws of the state. On the same basis the next president of the United States will be a prohibition president, and he cannot be anything else.

Alexander sighed for more worlds to conquer after his field of warlike endeavor had become exhausted, and all that was left for him was to sit down and cry. The prohibition question is settled in the United States, and that without anything like the agency of party backing. With the best of good will to those who have held to this single idea, the best thing to do is to take all the consolation and glory of the achievements in the way of a dry nation just as it is and let the others do the weeping. If there should be throughout the land a person who believes he is specially called to sit in the presidential chair for the sole purpose of seeing prohibition enforced, he might profitably look back at the fate of Dr. Anderson of The Dalles.

One German Step Is Commended.

Somebody in Germany had a bright idea when Weimar was appointed the meeting place for the German national assembly which is to make the new constitution. Any place would be better than Berlin, with its overpowering Prussianism and its memories of Kaiserism. The capital of Saxe-Weimar will take those German constitution builders into a different world. Goethe, Schiller and Herder and Wieland and Lessing are old greater than Hindenburg and Tilly. There are museums and libraries and theatres and literary shines are more notable than barracks and forts, where there

is an oasis of civilization in the barren waste of Kultur. A world war would never have been launched from Weimar. Even a generation of brutal militarism can hardly have choked out all the old humanity and refinement of that German Athens. The spirits of the men who hated and fought everything that Bismarck and Wilhelm have stood for will surely rise up and plead with those German delegates to win Germany away from her strange gods, back to the faith and works that gave her the only true greatness she ever possessed.

A Little Old-Fashioned Winter Helps.

The indications seem fair for a considerable snow fall—a few inches and probably a few feet—no one knows. Well, the winter has almost passed by default and a little of the old-fashioned weather will not hurt. It used to be a theory that plenty of snowfall in the winter season meant more and better crops. The rule does not always stay in a straight line and was proven by a very prominent exception not longer than about two years ago when one of the heaviest winters of snows ever known was followed by something like a hundred and ten days of straight dry weather without a drop of precipitation in the summer. Still, there was a good grain crop—either because of the snow the winter before or in spite of that fact, and it does not make much difference which.

We will stand by the proposition that a little bit of regular winter will not hurt. Go if you dare, into those lands of perpetual sunshine and find a man whose eyes get opened before the middle of the forenoon or who can get his speed geared up to two miles an hour—they are too far away from Grande Ronde to ever amount to much. Employers of foreign help are being enthusiastic over English classes in their factories. "They find that loyalty to the company goes hand in hand with loyalty to the country; and in addition a large amount of money is saved when employes can read: 'Open on this end; 'Do not tear; 'Be careful to cut with scissors; 'Use no hooks,' etc."

The Scotchman who said it would take thirty years to end this war, "one for the peace conference and twenty-nine to roll up the barbed wire," is an optimist. He forgot about the miles of red tape.

Plans are being made by English dignitaries to hold memorial services in honor of Theodore Roosevelt in Westminster abbey. A great and unusual honor to be shown to a great and unusual man.

SAYS MIND KILLS MORE THAN FLU

Below is given the text of a letter addressed to the Portland Journal recently by Dr. C. H. Law, of Brookings, who is a former resident of this city. Looking into it, one sees that there is considerable truth in what the doctor says. Read it: "Printer's ink is killing thousands of our best Americans every day. Rather a broad statement, but a fact just the same. The death records of our country are a permanent record that 'Advertising gets results.' The newspapers have talked 'flu' unceasingly since it first made its appearance and have got the people so badly frightened that every little 'cold' is sure to be the 'flu' and they know they are going to die. Mind has wonderful power over matter and when you get people to thinking they are going to die it puts them in the state of mind to be easily ravaged by any disease that comes along. We see nothing in the papers any more about any 'flu' in our army camps. Why? There must be a reason. The army surgeons lost their heads when this epidemic first started, but they finally got 'hep' to the fact that advertising made it worse. I think it time our newspapers were getting 'hep' to the same fact. Cut out all mention of the 'flu' in your papers and let your health boards, with the help of attending physicians, handle it by quarantine. We know some are bound to die of disease all the time, but if you cut out the advertising your death rate will drop 50 to 75 per cent. I have demonstrated these facts here in our camp of 500 and can give more details."

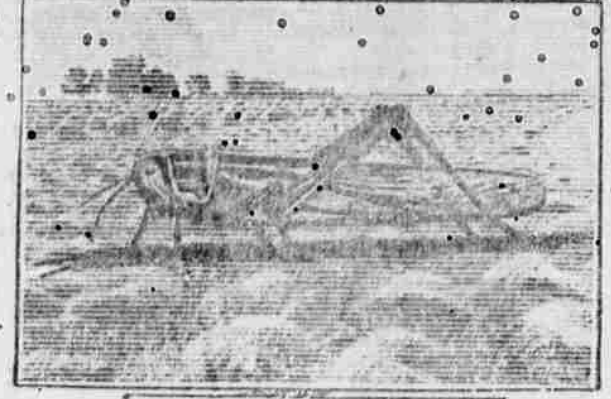
AMERICA MUST HELP

The American Committee for Relief in the Near East has received the following cablegram from Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, who is head of the relief commission sent to Persia last summer and who is now in Paris: "Hope contributions Near East and will be generous. Need infinitely pressing. Conditions distressing throughout. Turkey. Lack of food, coal, clothing, medicines, everything. America must help."

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SEVENTEENTH CROP MAY YET BE LOCUSTS



The 17-year locust in all his pesty crop destruction habits is scheduled for an American appearance again this year. The Department of Agriculture warns that the invasion this year may be one of the worst on record. Arsenic and bran—fed to the locusts—will kill them off in droves. Theory has it that the locust eggs lie in the ground for 17 years before hatching—thus accounting for the long periods between appearances. South America comes forward with an idea which in time to come may mean the American farmer's seventeenth crop will be—Locusts—and at a handsome profit. It is found that dead locusts' bodies consist quite largely of nitrogen and phosphoric acid. Therefore, soap, fertilizer and lubricating oils may yet be a by-product of a "locust year."

OBITUARY

AGNES CARTER DARON.

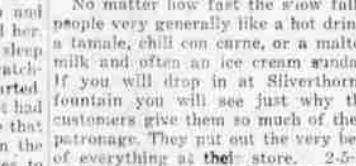
Mrs. Agnes Carter Daron died at her home in the Cove January 30th, 1919, from an attack of influenza. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Carter, was born in Union county December 28th, 1865, received her education in the common schools, and was married in June, 1902, to Nathaniel Daron. Four children were born to them, two boys and two girls. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Nathaniel Daron; four children, Gladys, Ethel, Walter and Merton; two brothers, Lloyd and Clarence; one sister, Mary C. Bell; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Carter, and a host of friends. A short time before her death she roused up and recognized those standing around her, then gradually sank to her last sleep so peacefully that the anxious watchers could not tell when life departed. Thus ended a life such as the poet had in mind when he wrote: "So live that when the summons comes to join the innumerable caravan which moves to that mysterious realm where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death, thou go not, like the quarry slave at night, scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

ARMENIA LOOKS TO AMERICA

Frank L. Polk, Acting Secretary of State in the absence of Robert Lansing, has turned over to the American Committee for Relief in the Near East a message recently received by his department from Teheran, Persia, which calls for immediate aid for the suffering Armenian nation.

The state department is co-operating with the committee in its \$20,000,000 campaign. The message follows: "Famine conditions in Armenia, hundreds dying daily of cold and hunger. Entire nation looking to America for material and political assistance."

No matter how fast the snow falls, people very generally like a hot drink, a tannale, chili con carne, or a malted milk and often an ice cream sundae. If you will drop in at Silverthorn's fountain you will see just why the customers give them so much of their patronage. They put out the very best of everything at the store. 2-5-3t



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The Observer furnishes and prints Butter Wrappers.

Farming Dollars

When you are planting your corn crop do you plant whole ears? No! Grain by grain, hill by hill, it is dropped until the entire field is planted. As you raise corn, raise your dollars. Plant them as you get them, one by one, in an account with us. Now is the planting time for your money crop.

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IT PAYS YOU IN SATISFACTION. When a merchant asks you to come to his store he obligates himself to sell you quality goods "as advertised." You have a right to expect satisfaction from what you buy and you get it.

IT PAYS YOU IN TIME SAVED. When you know exactly what you want to buy and where you want to buy it, you don't have to "look around" and waste time finding it.

Don't YOU want to save money and time? Wouldn't you like to be sure of getting satisfactory service and quality goods every time you go to a store? Then read the advertisements and patronize the stores which can serve you best.