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Destiny Places America in the Lead.

Those who talk about the desirability of America returning to her old "glorious isolation" might as well demand a return from the railroad to the stage coach and the automobile to the one-hoss shay.

Fate has made the United States a world power. Irresistible events were driving us toward full participation in the world's affairs, and the war dragged us in. Once in, we can never expect to get out again. And what self-respecting American, imbued with the characteristic energy and idealism of his country, wants to get out?

The United States is recognized today as the equal of the other big powers, and more than an equal. It is the literal truth that America dominates the peace conference. Our associates all yield to American leadership. It almost seems as if they insist on it. They do so partly because of what America is now, but mostly because of what they know she will be.

The United States is plainly destined to lead the world. It is a high privilege. It makes every normal American feel a little taller and stronger. It gives the old flag new beauty and meaning. It is a privilege which comes naturally as the reward of our national past.

And with the privilege comes the responsibility. We cannot dodge that. The nation that fails to use its power—or does not use it in the service of mankind—inevitably loses it.

Our finest political ideals are flowering in the new league of nations. We cannot have the honor of it without its obligations. We cannot write into its constitution the principles of selfish service to weak and backward nations without proceeding to play our part in the practice of those principles. We cannot stop colony-grabbing without helping the other powers to manage the internationalized territories. We cannot urge the international policing of the world without contributing to the policing army and navy. And so on through the list.

To imagine that when the American delegation comes home from the peace conference everything will be settled and the machinery set up will run of itself thereafter is to have learned nothing at all from this great year and to fail wholly in understanding the world we live in.

Figuratively speaking, the war will never be over, and our peace conference delegates will never come home. The United States will remain, at the head of the armies of civilization and at the head of the peace table, because it is our destiny, and we cannot evade it without playing the coward and losing our national soul.

Chautauqua Will Not Go by Default.

The public will be pleased to hear that the Chautauqua will be continued this year as usual, although the directors of the institution were compelled to stand a raise in price on the contract with the Ellison-White company. This is the company which supplies the main features of instruction and entertainment. They claimed that they had to have more money, and the Chautauqua management assumed that this was true, and they are going ahead as usual and in this matter the public will approve. The Chautauqua has grown to be an important part of community life and it would be a hard thing to go along without it. The annual gathering at Riverside Park has become a fixed event and it could

not well be allowed to go by default. The only misfortune connected with the conduct of this institution seems to be that dependence is placed entirely on one concern to furnish the program. This should not be, as it leaves too much of a margin to play upon in the future. With a whole year now to go on, the Chautauqua directors have ample time to get out from under this handicap.

Why not have our Chautauqua secretary interview the Baker, Pendleton and Boise organizations and put on a string of talent of our own? We can start with good local talent from Blaine and Oregon with a big number from the east for one event. Once started it is very doubtful if Ellison-White will ever get another contract, for they are not the only people who can play the Chautauqua game.

Consider having one year's entertainment without them and let us see how it goes.

Floyd Galloway has demonstrated that sunflowers grown in the Grande Ronde valley make excellent silage. Is this not worth consideration, for every rancher has some sunflower land available and it soon will be necessary for every ranch to have its silo.

Talk to the architect about that new home you were contemplating before the war. He will give you some good information, and really it does not cost as much to build as you might think.

Here's to the bunch of soldiers who left together, stayed together through the service and returned together. And the fine part of it is everyone of them returned ready to go to work at his old job.

When a man who owns a lumber yard is forced to buy a home in order to live in La Grande it is very plain that someone must put up some houses here this summer.

Anyway, if the Sixty-fifth could not get here in time for La Grande to celebrate as we had expected, our hearts are with the boys just the same.

HOME ECONOMICS.

Molasses Cookies
Two cups of molasses, one cup of lard or drippings; one cup of granulated sugar, two-thirds cup sugar, two even teaspoons soda mixed into milk, two eggs and a little salt, two teaspoons of ginger, flour enough to thicken. Drop in greased tin. Bake slowly.

Graham Breakfast Cakes
Two cups of graham flour, one cup of wheat flour, two eggs, well beaten; mix with sweet milk to make a very thin batter. Bake in gem-pans. Have the iron hot, then set them on the upper grate in the oven. Will bake in 15 minutes.

Johnny Cake.
One cup yellow cornmeal, one cup bread flour, one-third cup sugar, one and one-half cups sour milk, one-half teaspoon soda, one-half teaspoon baking powder and one teaspoon salt. Mix and sift the dry ingredients twice, and gradually add the sour milk. Beat well, and bake in a shallow, greased pan, in a moderate oven.

Mound of Peas.
Coat six small moulds or cups with apple jelly; when this is set, fill them all over with home-canned peas, sides and bottom, and pour over some more jelly to set them. Rub the remainder of the peas through a fine sieve and season with salt and pepper; fill the lined moulds with this mixture nearly to the top, and pour over the top of each a layer of apple jelly; set the cups on ice until ready to serve.

Home-Made Cookies for Yanks
More than 6,000,000 old-fashioned American cookies—the kind mothers used to make—were made in France and distributed with the compliments of the American Red Cross, during the eight weeks immediately preceding and following the signing of the armistice. The cookies were made especially for the American soldiers in the field, for the wounded in the hospitals and the distribution from scores of Red Cross canteens. Late advices from Paris are to the effect that the Red Cross officials do not think that the making of the cookies will be interfered with by the cessation of hostilities; possibly the boys in khaki will be able to relish them with greater zest now that they are not so busy hammering back the Germans to where they belong.

So much has the demand increased since the signing of the armistice, in fact, that it is planned to raise the output from 200,000 to 700,000 a day. The cookie factory is located at Nocont-sur-Meuse. They are wrapped in brown paper packages, each containing six cookies. On the cover is written "Gifts of the American Red Cross." The best material possible is used in the baking, and the most expert of French cooks are employed. Forty per cent are engaged in the bakery, and the work has been carried on in two shifts at the rate of 20 hours a day. There has been rivalry as to which works could turn out the most.

Have the label, which sends for fair working conditions, put on your job printing. The Observer is one of two shops in town observing union principles, phone Main 37.

WHIRRS YOUR FLAG?
You'll Who Forgot Himself in Public. He is Given Lesson by Old Man.

It was the wildest night New York had ever seen. For hours the wires from Washington had been hot with official dispatches of the report that Germany had surrendered, but that made not the slightest difference. The town was literally mad with joy. Up and down Broadway and Fifth avenue and in the streets between the surging mobs ebbed and pushed, shouting, laughing, singing. Cowbells clanged their dull refrain to the accompaniment of every other squeaking instrument that fitful indignity had conceived. Taxicabs and limousines, motor trucks and mail wagons, great sightseeing cars and tiny motorcycles dashed through the streets and up and down the crowded avenues with breakneck speed, loaded with frantically cheering passengers, covered with flags and banners, disregarding speed laws and traffic rules with an abandon as complete as it was terrifying.

But in the very midst of this mad scene was at least one man who had heard the news from Washington and understood. Alone he pressed his way down Broadway through the frantic flag-wavers and the car-splitting din. At the corner of Thirty-fourth street, where the crowd thinned as the street widened at the junction of Sixth avenue, a shouting crowd of young fellows in their early twenties singled out the silent man, who walked alone.

"Hey, you!" shouted one of their number, "where's your flag?"

The silent one stopped and looked straight into the eyes of his questioner.

"My son is fighting for it over in France, and he is just about your age," he said.

As the crestfallen group of youngsters slunk away in the crowd the father of the boy, who also knew that the war had not yet ended, pushed on with his thoughts through the clamorous night.

COFFEE PUT TO USE
Berries Were Taken to Venice as Early as Year of 1591.

The ordinary coffee plant is a native of Abyssinia and as such was used as a beverage, both in the wild and cultivated state, from time immemorial. It was carried in Arabia about the beginning of the fifteenth century. From Arabia it was carried to all parts of the Mohammedan world by the Mecca pilgrims, who found in it a happy substitute for the alcoholic beverages forbidden by the Koran. The first authentic mention of it by a European was a German physician and traveler on his return from a tour through Syria, in 1573. It was brought to Venice by a physician in 1591. It is referred to in 1621 by Burton in his "Anatomy of Melancholy," as follows: "The Turks have a drink called coffee, so named from a berry called as soot and as bitter, which they sip hot because they find from experience that that kind of drink, so sipped, helpeth digestion and promoteth alacrity."

The first coffee house established in London was in 1652. Coffee was heard of in France in 1658, and became fashionable in Paris in 1669. There is a whole lot of interesting information in regard to coffee which space will not permit to be given here.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon for the county of Union, bearing date the 24th day of January, A. D. 1919, and to me directed and delivered upon a judgment duly rendered, entered of record, and docketed in said court on the 15th day of January, 1919, in a suit wherein Jessie McLean is plaintiff, and W. H. Gibson, Lily A. Gibson, J. J. Carr and C. J. Wilson, were defendants.

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the complaint filed herein be dismissed as to defendant J. J. Carr.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the plaintiff have judgment and decree as follows:

(1) That plaintiff have judgment against the defendants W. H. Gibson and Lily A. Gibson, and each of them, jointly and severally, for the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty-three and 33-100 (\$1753.33)

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dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum, from and after the 23rd day of June, 1916, for the further sum of 175 hundred and seven and 36-100 (\$207.36) dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from and after the 5th day of October, 1913; for the further sum of \$290.00 an "reasonable" attorney's fees herein, and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements in this suit incurred, and taxes at \$11.80, and for the accruing costs, that the said sums of money, above set forth be decreed to be a good, valid and subsisting debt, under said mortgage, upon the property described therein, and being described as follows, to-wit: All of block fourteen (14) of Honan's Addition to the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, including therein, all of blocks two (2) and four (4) of Carr's Subdivision of blocks thirteen and fourteen of Honan's Addition to the City of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, and that said mortgage be, and the same is hereby foreclosed on said property and that said property be sold, as provided by the laws of the state of Oregon, under execution, and that the proceeds of said sale be applied as follows, to-wit: (1) to the payment of the expenses of said execution, and sale, and the costs and disbursements of this suit, including the reasonable attorney's fees herein, (2) to the payment of the judgment herein, to the plaintiff, (3) the balance, if any there be, to be paid into court, and disposed of as the court may direct.

That the said mortgage be and the same is hereby decreed to be prior in time and superior in right to any right, title or interest, claim or lien, or any claim of any right, title or interest, or claim or lien of the said defendants, W. H. Gibson, Lily A. Gibson and C. J. Wilson, or either or any of them.

That at the time of said sale, that the sheriff put the purchaser of said premises into possession thereof, and at the end of the period for redemption, make, execute and deliver to said purchaser a deed for same, in case no redemption thereof be made.

That, if after the sale, as herein ordered, and the application of the proceeds as ordered, it shall be ascertained, that such proceeds are insufficient to pay such costs, expenses and judgment, as hereinbefore ordered then, that the plaintiff have and recover over and against said defendants, W. H. Gibson and Lily A. Gibson, and each of them, jointly and severally, judgment in that amount of such deficiency.

That the said defendants, W. H. Gibson, Lily A. Gibson, and C. J. Wilson, and each and all of them, be and they are hereby forever foreclosed and barred of and from any and all right, title or interest, or claim of interest, in or to the said mortgaged premises, and as hereinbefore described, and every part thereof, and from all dower or claim of dower therein, and from any and all rights of equity or redemption therein, save only the statutory right of redemption.

Therefore I will on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1919, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the court house door in La Grande, Union county, Oregon, sell at public auction, for cash, the hereinabove described real property, to satisfy said execution and order of sale as hereinabove specified.

Daily, 1-29; 3-5-12-49-24, 1919.
LEE WARNICK,
Sheriff of Union county, Oregon.
By WAYNE GRAHAM, Deputy

New Spring Blouses

are on display now. New models are coming in daily and those we have for tomorrow are of **GEORGETTE**

A particularly fine lot of blouses is shown in this material in plain colors—some are plain, and others with tucks and trimmings. The prices range from \$6.00 up to \$12. Also some new Crepe de Chine waists in plain colors, up from \$5.00

New Voile Waists

In Plain White

These dainty blouses are of good quality white voile, with lace trimmed collars. We invite your inspection of these now while the stock is complete. These blouses go in stock today at \$1.75

Pumps

We've just received two new models in pumps for spring from the D. Armstrong Co. These are exactly as illustrated here and are in black and dark brown.

Prices—
Black \$7.50
Brown \$8.50

SILKS

Our new figured silks for spring are in—pretty stripes and plains. Lots of new patterns to choose from and all the same price. Yd. \$1.89

NEW SPRING MERCHANDISE ARRIVING DAILY—WATCH OUR ADS.

Our New Gingham

have at last arrived. Since our January sale our gingham stock has been at its lowest but today it was greatly replenished with pretty new patterns, in stripes, plaids and plain colors. New prices, too. Per yard 25c and 35c

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If you want a good small used car at the right price see us at once. Terms, W. H. Bohlenkamp Co. 2-15-1f

The ladies of St. Peter's Guild will have a silver tea at the home of Mrs. F. D. Gaskill on Friday afternoon, from 2 until 5 o'clock. Friends of the Guild are invited. 2-18-24p

Have you tried one of those fruit sundae at Silverthorn's fountain. If not you will soon no doubt. They make their malted milk from the very finest milk and cream. Their Swiss milk chocolate sundae are different from ordinary chocolate sundae. They serve all the hot drinks and dishes with wafers. 2-18-24

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W. J. TOWNLEY,
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