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**Must Have Been Through Ignorance.**

The Observer can unqualifiedly commend Editor W. J. Henry of the Elgin Recorder, for the remarks he has to offer on the soldiers' educational bill which was defeated in the Four Eight precincts, combined, by an excess of fourteen votes. Mr. Henry says:

"The vote of the soldiers' educational bill was highly creditable to Elgin. Three of the four precincts gave majorities for this bill, but one precinct voted 21 to 53 against the measure. Some people surely did not understand this bill. The total tax to be levied was two-tenths of a mill for four years. The total tax on \$1000 of taxable property for the entire time the tax was to run would be 80 cents. Elgin has been loyal to its soldiers so far, but the person who thoroughly understood this measure and is too cheap to spend 80 cents out of each thousand dollars they own to help finish the education of the boys who were willing to risk their lives for their country, does not belong in Elgin, or the state of Oregon either. They should move to Milwaukee, WI., or Berlin, or some such place where they would feel more at home."  
 In one of the La Grande precincts the vote on this measure was 27 for, to 54 against. It is not conceivable that this is a true expression of the residents of that voting district. There

may have been a few cheap-john patriots who exercised their prerogative to have themselves the excessive tax burden of five or ten cents a year squandered on the superficial accomplishment of an education which has been denied the boys who have spent the last year or two in France, but there are certainly not very many of that kind.  
 It is more charitable to think that the most of those who voted against the measure, did not fully understand it.

**Spending in a Business Way.**

The outlook for the adoption of rational business methods by congress is somewhat better than usual. The chamber of commerce of the United States has strongly urged a budget system for appropriations, and many of the more progressive congressmen express themselves as favorably to the plan.

Certainly it is high time for such a reform. The need has always been great. At a time when congress is spending about a billion dollars a year, Senator Aldrich estimated that, by business-like methods in the legislative and administrative departments \$500,000,000 a year could be saved. Last year enough billions were voted to make even a Wall Street banker dizzy. There is no expectation of the annual expenditures falling below four billion figures for several years.

It can easily be imagined what a waste there must be in having this vast sum apportioned according to the grab-bag policy of administrative departments and the pork-barrel methods of more than fifty congressional committees, without any serious attempt, from start to finish, to harmonize and adjust the various claims on the treasury and avoid duplication and waste.

Uncle Sam is the biggest spender in the world. Maybe he doesn't spend any too much money, at that, but he certainly ought to get more for what he does spend. And he never will until the house and senate take their cue from private corporations and put their spending on a business basis.

**Event of Overshadowing Importance.**

"Who is going to win on July 4?"  
 Can Jess Willard defeat Jack Dempsey in twelve rounds?  
 "Is Dempsey strong enough to knock Jess Willard out?"

According to a high sporting authority, these are the vital questions now before the American people. The big year settlement might retire to a quiet corner. The twenty, or more millions still raging in various quarters of the world may continue or not, as the combatants prefer. Germany may

rear of the peace terms, or perhaps Bolshevism may wax or wane. Congress may do its best or worse. Dealings may boom or slump. The league of nations may win, or lose. The big issue in these United States for the next three or four weeks will be the relative fitness of the two. When Hope, and July 4 will be less important as Independence Day than as the day of the big match.

In any rate, that is the sporting view of it, and the sporting writers will write whole libraries of dope about it, pro and con and up and down and in and out, and some millions of Americans will gobble up all the slat they write, and ignore the less important news on the front page. Willard's daily "form" will be more important than the fate of empires.

And we needn't get too down on modern frivolity, either. It has all ways been so, from the day when Homer, the great-grandfather of poetry, tuned his hexameter in a tell of a prize fight with bronze armlets at the funeral of Patroclus, and mine a slugging match more interesting than the fall of Troy.

**WALLABY QUICKLY WIPED OUT**

Australia Post Didn't Last Long When Its Pelt Became of Value in the Market.

Before the advent of the rabbit and the fox in Australia the rock-wallaby made its home among the cliffs bordering the Murray river, where it passes through southern Monaro (N. S. W.), illegally in thousands. The little red-brown quadruped was then flourishing a game pest, and as his skin was then worth only 4 cents the pelt hunter didn't bother much about him. But an interested mutton merchant some years ago put a premium on the skins, and the writer and a mate started out one winter morning, with about two inches of frost on the ground and every tree powdered with hoarfrost, for the wallaby ground. The artillery consisted of two guns, one a single muzzle-loader. (The muzzle-loader was then a rarity on Monaro.) By noon the hunters had downed over sixty wallabies. The beasts were so numerous in some quarters that two wallabies occasionally fell to a single shot. Soon after that the pelt trader scented profit, and the work of demolition began. Now these cliffs are silent and deserted, save for the raven and the eternal rattle, which comes from the wallaby pastures clear and from this rough country will never be exterminated.

**DULL AND CHRONIC HEADACHE**

Affliction, Physician Asserts, May Invariably Be Traced to the Presence of Rheumatism.

Rheumatic headache may be acute, but in most cases it is dull and chronic, lasting for weeks, months or years. It is usually more common in women than in men, and it occurs very rarely below the age of 20, and most commonly above 40 years of age. The pain is real and may be constant, or fairly equally with intermissions, writes Dr. Hugh E. Purdie in the Journal of American Medical Association. It does not occur in instantaneous attacks of brief exacerbating paroxysms. Nausea and vomiting are not present with it. There are no bad days, bad days, but with more or less pain, persistent always present. The headache is worse after exposure to cold or dampness.  
 This form of headache is really a rheumatic affection, and evidence of joint rheumatism are almost always

found. Its exact nature is obscure; bacterial infection of the tissues of the arched region is probable. Treatment consists of prolonged, repeated application of heat to the application of gentle massage of the area of pain which is most usually the back of the head on both sides, and may extend down to the shoulders and back. It is tender to deep pressure, but not to surface pressure.

**Wonders of Mexico**

It cannot be overestimated the value of Mexico as a vast country. Mexico extends in length over two thousand miles, or as long as from Ireland to Africa. It measures a thousand miles across the widest area. It is vast, it contains away almost four hundred miles to the north. It has huge mountains, some of the greatest volcanoes in the world and some of the largest rivers are to be found in the south, although water is lacking in the north. The north is flat and hideous, the south beautiful and mountainous. Mexico produces every kind of crop and every form of agriculture and some of the most picturesque and beautiful old Spanish towns in the world remain from the days when they were built by Cortez in 1519.

One cannot help being struck with the contrast between the two coasts on the Gulf of California everything is wet. A depth of eight or ten feet of soil is common. From Mexico, by Mrs. Alec Twissie.

**Arabian Table Customs.**

"Whenever I visit San Francisco I dine with an Arab—a business acquaintance—and the members of his family," said Thomas Hartwell of Mexico City, in an interview at New York. "In their eating they still attempt to follow the customs of their country. At their table I tasted for the first time the most popular Arab dish, which is called pibit. It is made of olive oil and a few nut kernels mixed with rice. My host's wife makes her own bread, which is baked in flat cakes an inch thick and compares very well with the baker's bread which the Americans use. The Arab is a dry eater and does not take his coffee with his repast. I find that my host and his family sip their coffee in small cups and regard it as a luxury. They still hold to the belief, in spite of the fact that they have lived in this country for several years, that those who do not make a noise with their lips in drinking coffee are illbred."

**Robinson Crusoe.**

Defoe based his story, "Robinson Crusoe," which made him famous, on the experiences of Selkirk, who was put ashore on Juan Fernandez Island at his own request, as he had quarreled with the captain of the *Queen's Barge*, of which he was sailing master. Selkirk remained on the island more than four years, and in 1712 there appeared his book, "Crusoe's Voyage Around the World," and Captain Cook's "Voyage to the South Sea," which Defoe used as his basis.

**STRAW HATS AT FAIRBANKS**

FAIRBANKS, Alaska. (Correspondence of the Associated Press) The exact date upon which a man may appear each year wearing a straw hat has been the subject of controversy and considerable personal animosity. Generally in the Pacific coast states the early days of May bring out a few of the sunnier head pieces, but Alaska—popularly believed to be a frigid zone the year around—this year set the record. It is thought, in the evening of the first straw hat. On April 28, considerably before straws appeared in Seattle, Paul Cassin, a member of the Alaska Board of Commissioners, started the straw hat parade.

**AMERICAN HORSES IN FRANCE**

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION. Correspondence of the Associated Press. American army horses some of which last year hauled artillery over battlefields of France will this summer be used by French peasants in various districts as aids in tilling the soil of hundreds of acres of devastated regions.

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