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Lack of Private Economy a Cause.

Among the many opinions set forth as to the high cost of living is one of lack of private economy among the people. This feature is partially covered in an article in the New York Times, which says:

"A lack of practicing economies in private life may be illustrated without end. Theaters and places of amusement, resorts, and watering places are crowded with beautifully gowned women and handsomely tailored men. The price of shoe shines has doubled and tripled, yet one must wait his own shoes at home for less than one cent. So illustrations might be multiplied, all showing that lack of practicing plain economy is a great contributing factor in maintaining the high cost of living.

"The high cost of living is due to shifting individual responsibility for the present state of affairs and each component of the people of the nation seeking self-satisfaction rather than the answer to the great world question. This is our national state of mind. Instead of doing our national and individual best to produce more goods, so that there will be enough for all at a reasonable price, each is trying to better his condition at the expense of the other fellow.

"The high cost of living is not due to lack of desire or effort on the part of the farmers to produce to the limit of their physical ability. Following a beautiful promise of a bountiful wheat harvest, a most destructive

attack of scab and rust cut the wheat yield very materially. Unusually heat and drought shortened the oats crop and adversely affected the corn crop. The long hours and strenuous character of the farm operation have, in spite of these adverse circumstances, put the crop across. The farmer has not struck, walked out, or otherwise slackened a production.

HOW ONE WAR WAS ENDED—History of Roosevelt Interests Between Japan and Russia.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Joseph Bucklin Bishop, for 30 years a personal friend of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, and who, five years before the former President's death, was commissioned by him to write the history of the period which covered his public career, presents in the September issue of Scribner's Magazine, the first of a series of papers which gives for the first time many interesting sidelights on the life of the famous American.

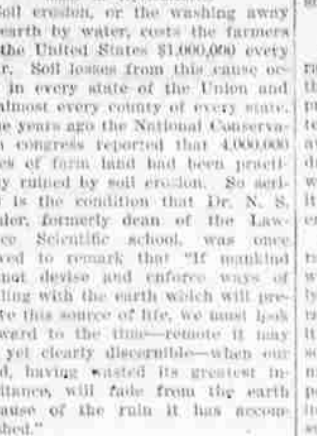
The paper, entitled "Roosevelt—Peacemaker," selected and arranged from the former President's public and private correspondence, amounting to more than 150,000 letters, deals with Mr. Roosevelt's efforts to end the war between Russia and Japan and which resulted in the Portsmouth Peace Conference in 1905.

For the first time, apparently, it revealed the fact that Japan made the initial overtures for peace. Four days after the great Japanese naval victory over Jolofevsky's fleet in the sea of Japan on May 27, 1905, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, the letters show, called Minister Takahira, in Washington, to invoke Roosevelt's aid as a mediator.

"I was amused," wrote the President, "by the way in which they asked me to invite the two belligerents together directly on my own motion and initiative. It reminded me of the request for contributions sent by campaign committees to officeholders wherein they were asked to make a 'voluntary contribution of ten per cent of their salary.' It showed a certain naivete on the part of the Japanese."

According to his biographer, every step in the negotiations extending over a period of three months, was taken by Mr. Roosevelt without the aid of any of his most trusted counselors, John Hay, his Secretary of State, being critically ill, Secretary Root having resigned from the Cabinet many months earlier and Secre-

EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR PREVENTING EROSION OF MUCH VALUABLE FARM LAND



Gullying Which Causes a Loss of Land and a Lowering of the Water Table.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) Soil erosion, or the washing away of earth by water, costs the farmers of the United States \$1,000,000 every year. Soil losses from this cause occur in every state of the Union and in almost every county of every state. Nine years ago the National Conservation Congress reported that 4,000,000 acres of farm land had been practically ruined by soil erosion. So serious is the condition that Dr. N. S. Sillier, formerly dean of the Lawrence Scientific school, was once moved to remark that "if mankind cannot devise and enforce ways of dealing with the earth which will preserve this source of life, we must look forward to the time—remote it may be, yet clearly discernible—when mankind, having wasted its greatest inheritance, will fade from the earth because of the ruin it has accomplished."

tion being shown by the Philippians. "One reads the thick volumes of his correspondence with amazement bordering on incredulity," writes Mr. Bishop. "It is incredible that one man could do so much and so well in no other task of his life was the abnormal energy, mental and physical, of Theodore Roosevelt put to a severer test and from none did he emerge more triumphantly. His activity was as tireless as his resourcefulness was inexhaustible."

The President's activity was directed, he said, to "not only steadily and irresistibly forcing the two warring nations into a conference but bringing other nations like England, France and Germany to the support of his efforts. If Russia balked and showed signs of refusal, he persuaded the Kaiser to bring pressure upon the Czar in the interest of peace. If Japan showed similar signs, England was appealed to, to bring pressure upon her. In the end Germany alone really helped, and Roosevelt gave untiring praise to the Kaiser ever afterward for what he did then."

In all of this correspondence, the Colonel wrote "without restraint or reservation." In a confidential letter to Secretary Hay he referred to the Kaiser as a monomaniac and "a jumpy creature who has had another fit." In another message he characterized the former Emperor of Russia: "The Czar is a preposterous little creature as the absolute autocrat of 150,000,000 people."

Every day, and often several times a day, he urged the Emperors of Russia and Japan to agree upon terms of peace. Once he wrote a friend: "The more I see of the Czar, the Kaiser and the Mikado, the better I am content with democracy, even if we have to include the American newspapers as one of its assets—liberty would be a better term."

While the Conference was in session, the President had occasional doubts of ultimate success. "I have led the horses to water," he wrote: "but heaven only knows whether they will drink or start kicking and another beguile the trough."

When victory crowned his efforts, however, continued Mr. Bishop, he was not elated by it. King Edward of England, said of him to the American Ambassador in London: "I am simply lost in admiration of the President; nobody else could have done it." Mr. Roosevelt's own verdict was: "I am overpraised. I am credited with being extremely long-headed. As a matter of fact I took the position I finally did, not of my own volition but because events shaped themselves so that I would have felt as if I was flinching from a plain duty if I had acted otherwise."

OBITUARY.

Julia W. Daniel was born in Orange county, Mo., November 18, 1841, and died in Cove, August 21, 1919. She was united in marriage to David Boswell April 15, 1862, and came to Oregon in 1865. The family settled in Cove for one year and then went to the Willamette valley where they remained but a short time and then returned to live in Cove. To this union were born six children, five of whom survive. They are: Edwin Boswell, of Cove; Mrs. George Jasper, of Freewater; Mrs. John Delaney, of Union; Mrs. Lulu Fairbanks, of San Jose, Calif.; and Miss Effie Boswell, of Cove. The other child died in infancy. There were 12 grand-children. The funeral services were held at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning in the M. E. church in Cove and were conducted by Rev. Hansen. The interment was made in Cove cemetery.

A POLITICAL REPORT

Unique Document Submitted To Judge Knowles by the Retiring Jury. Following is the unique report to Judge Knowles of the retiring grand jury which finished its work Friday evening: To the Honorable J. W. Knowles, Who as presiding Judge controls The District Court of Number Ten In the good old State of Oregon: Your Jury, designated Grand, For Union County's happy land, Once more appears before the Court To make the following report: We have examined well and true The work that we were called to do All cases, wherein at this time Had the appearance of a crime. Indictment bills returned as true Are twelve, with nothing else in view We wish to thank Attorney Hodgson, The State for paying board and lodgin'. Your Honor for your courtesy, On whose good judgment, all agree. And now our business is through, The next move, Judge, is up to you. M. L. CARTER, Foreman of the Grand Jury

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SHOE SALE

Up until Saturday night, just 67 pairs had left the store. There are still lots of them, the same kind, all sizes up to 7. Remember the big sizes are going first, so get yours now, if you wear larger than a 5. No exchange. \$2.25.

YARN For Sweaters

China Blue, Peacock, Navy Grey, Yellow, Cardinal, Scarlet, Dark Lilac, Khaki, Purple, Wood Brown and Black are the colors. Many different shades in "Sunlight" yarn, especially suited for sweaters. Price 40c and 65c a ball. REMEMBER, the new Fall Wearing Apparel is coming in daily; many were sold last week upon their arrival here. Be on hand every day to see the new. This week there will be COATS, DRESSES and SUITS. We invite you to see them and to inspect them. Try them on, if you wish.

Advertisement for MacWest & Co. featuring 'Beautiful Fall Dresses ready for your inspection', 'SHOE SALE', 'Looking Ahead', 'New Plaid Gingham', 'YARN For Sweaters', and 'HALF PRICE Sale of MIDDIES'. Includes an illustration of a woman in a dress.

ATTENTION RETAIL CLERK!

You are requested to attend the regular business meeting tonight, August 25, at 8:00 o'clock, at K. of P. Hall, Business of importance. EDNA BAIIRD, Sec.

BIRTH OF REPUBLICAN PARTY.

In 1851, on the 15th of July, the present Republican party was founded and organized. It adopted an anti-slavery platform. The first national convention was held two years later, John Fremont was nominated for president.

Camouflage Would Save Ship.

A submarine can spot a ship five miles away, estimate its course, submerge and later intercept it. But this ship might have a keel painted fifty feet down its side and the actual keel blocked out. This would give it the appearance of traveling in a course that was quite off the actual course. The calculations of the submarine would be quite wrong and the ship would not be intercepted at all. It would be saved by the deception of its camouflage.

Short Courses in Wife-Training.

"We want wives who know how to do things," say the young North Africans who fought in Europe. "Let us have girls from your hostel." And then they are disappointed because the missionaries cannot supply the demand. To satisfy the waiting list of soldiers the missions plan to open short courses in wife-training.—World Outlook.

Flea in Amber.

The history of the flea would seem to go back many centuries, but the only fossil remains of a flea that have so far been found is a single insect in a bit of Baltic amber. The flea is admirably preserved by its semi-transparent surroundings, and is in the collection of Professor Ciba.

Famous Applan Way.

The Applan way was the first great Roman road formally undertaken as a public work. It is said. It was begun in 312 B. C. by Apptus Claudius Cneus. Today the Applan way forms one of the most notable memorials of antiquity in or near the Eternal city, bordered by tombs and the ruins of monumental buildings. Long stretches of the pavement remain perfect. The width of the Applan way was from 14 to 18 feet.

Pocket Thief Alarm.

A thief alarm invented in Europe is small enough to be carried in a vest pocket and explodes a cartridge when any object under which it is laid is moved.

Observer advertising pays.

The Observer furnishes and prints Butter Wrappers.

Advertisement for 'The Balance To Your Credit' by La Grande National Bank. Text: 'in your bank account represents your progress. It increases your earning capacity and gives you a feeling of independence and security. We offer you the Best of Service and Solicit Your Account. La Grande National Bank CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, \$245,000. Established 1886. SOUND, RELIABLE and PROGRESSIVE.'

Advertisement for 'Luxo' beer. Text: 'Golf, with Weinhard's Luxo—the Cheery, Beery drink. Is a better game. Luxo keeps you happy and cool; betters your judgment and steadies your stroke. Make sure that the club you are using has been soaked up with Luxo. The club which has been soaked up with Luxo will be a real stroke. It'll stand a lot of it through the summer. Distributed by LA GRANDE GROCERY CO.'