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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

SCIENCE AND THE PRESENT DAY MOVIES.

There is scarcely anything now that cannot be seen in the movies. Recently the progress of a storm across Europe was shown to a group of interested science students at the Sorbonne in Paris. The many separate maps which had been made showing the original low pressure area as it rose, expanded and moved over the face of the continent, had been filmed in correct order so that an animated map could be thrown on the screen.

It is easy to see what a help such a moving picture would be in teaching a class of young students. It will also help the expert in his effort to reach conclusions about atmospheric conditions. It eliminates the necessity of poring over a number of separate weather maps. This new arrangement for the study of the air will be a great boon to students of aerial navigation. There is no limit, so far as one can see to the possibilities which may be developed from this beginning.

In time, perhaps, the motion pictures made for entertainment only may be of less importance than those made for purposes of study and scientific instruction. Physical geography, astronomy, geology, botany and all the rest can be taught more directly and fully with the aid of the screen. And, when shown in all their fascinating mystery in this way they may become just as popular as the athletic hero or the glycerine-teared lady star of the film drama.

The Germans have agreed to a definite plan for restoring the devastated parts of France, and German work-

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men will soon start on the job. They will consist largely of the soldiers who caused that devastation. It will be a sight worth seeing. France ought to run excursion trains there.

One of the senators predicts that the treaty will pass by No. 15. It's a pretty safe guess, anyway, that it could be disposed of before election day. Neither party wants the onus of holding it up that long.

The American Legion is campaigning for 1,000,000 members. Why stop at a million? If the Legion continues along the fine, patriotic lines of its activity up to this time, the more, the better.

An aviator at Mincola, L. I., flew six miles high the other day. That beats the cost of living. But it's still a long way to the moon.

Those striking Boston policemen who want their jobs back ought to have jobs—without any public responsibility.

"Austria has expelled every outsider," says a dispatch. That must have been easy. What outsider wants to stay in Austria.

NEWS AND COMMENT

Floyd Bates has been chosen head of the Baker High School football team, which will contest with La Grande's team this fall.

Yakima Canutt, the new champion cowboy buckaroo of the Pendleton Round-Up, belongs to that big hatted contingent in Eastern Oregon, who ride horses, throw ropes and engage in various other fascinating entertainment to take the place of the Mexican bull fights, which are so unpopular with the same people that love the Round-Up show.

A list of stalwart Democrats, headed by I. B. Bowen, have returned to Baker singing the praises of the chief executive and the League of Nations. And the funny part of the whole thing is that the Baker people called their host—C. S. Jackson—a "colonel." Some thought the title of "colonel" for southern gentlemen, sah, had passed now that there are a good many real honest-to-goodness colonels in the land.

The Baker Herald is very liable to start a race war, for in a base ball story wherein a colored nine played the home team, that newspaper said, "Baker Pitcher Leads Coons to Slaughter." Even those who were raised in the south refuse to mention the colored race by this name.

A woman in Portland, wearing a tight skirt, was unable to get out of the way of an automobile and the fender hit her on the leg. She refused to give up her name, state where she was hit or permit any examination by interested spectators.

William Alexander, an O.W. employee at Reith, was fined \$100 and given 50 days in jail for selling booze. Probably Alexander supplied the Round-Up with its wet goods.

Menmouth had a cow valued at \$10,000 die recently. This must have been the cow with the gold on horns.

It is impossible to get enough auto trucks to haul the prune crop of Marion county to market. And yet there are those who baffle the prune.

Some poor misguided chap down in Junction City, Oregon, is making a fight on the County Nurse because she inspects school children. If this old fellow had had his tonsils looked after and his adenoids doctored up when he was a boy he would have a different idea about the County Nurse.

"NOSE STICKING" IS THE CHARGE

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statement is as false as it is infamous.

Racial Issue Is Menace.

Senator Reed discussed various provisions of the league and said the membership would be composed of approximately "three dark skinned men for each white man," and that, from the first, a majority of the league will always vote for race equality.

Pointing out that it had long been the business of each state to have regard for its own interests, Senator Reed said the man who imagined that membership in the league would change this century-old disposition "is a visionary indeed."

Nations are Grabbing.

"Even as we form the league, and while the respective nations are explaining unity, good will, generosity and disinterestedness with day after day," said the senator, "each is grabbing with both hands territories, peoples and dominions."

In a controversy between the United States and Great Britain where neither could be permitted to sit in judgment, the senator declared, the latter would have a tremendous advantage through the voice of its independent states. By its five colonies and dominions there would also be the voice of Hedjaz, "whose king is the pay of the British Empire," he said, and Slam and Persia, which in



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all other controversies coming before the assembly that Great Britain would command six times the power of the United States.

"Let a question ever arise in which the interests of Great Britain are strongly opposed to those of the United States," Senator Reed said. "The six votes of Great Britain can be cast to our detriment or destruction, while we, sitting at the bar of a packed court, are denied the privilege of casting a single vote."

Senator Reed's Strong Speech.

In Senator Reed's speech of recent date we have one of the clearest exposures of the basic, underlying causes of the high cost of living which has thus far been presented on the floor of Congress, says Harvey's Weekly.

Senator Reed went no farther afield in his search for the causes of the enormous prices we are now compelled to pay for everything, than those simple laws of supply and demand which, since the beginning of time, have always governed the cost of things. We have not only cut down our production but we have cut down our man and machine resources of production. Both have got to be organized and remobilized. We have not only been called upon to feed ourselves, but to feed all Europe as well. And incidentally, we have had our cash resources of the money, which with to run the vast section of the world that so long has been draining us bare of raw materials and basic food staples.

the face of a want supply there is competitive bidding, and when there is competitive bidding there is an upward leap in prices. And, when one of the competitive bidders is a Government shoveling out taxpayers' money, like a drunken sailor, the prices skyrocket in proportion. There is greed and grasping and speculative cornerings of markets as a matter of course, however stringent may be the regulations in restraint of the same. But this profiteering, wholesale and retail, great as may be the private fortunes amassed therefrom, is in reality but a drop in the bucket of the sum of the star causes which have brought about the high price effects from which we are now suffering. These causes, as Senator Reed so impressively revealed, boil down to a simple case of under supply and over demand.

Not until the wide gap between production and demand, which four years of this still has made in-

able, is reduced to hailing distance across, may we expect to see any other than sporadic price reduction under the unnatural stimulus of legislative or popular pressure here and there applied. Meantime, whatever tends to reduce production tends by just that much to maintain scarcity, and with scarcity, high or even higher prices. The drain of the war is only partially over. Our men are back, but they are not yet back to work. The productive power of these three or four million strong pairs of young arms is not yet felt and will not be felt for another year to come. During that interval, but in diminishing, they will continue to be consumers and not producers.

And then, of course, we must count, apparently, upon the continuous performance of labor strike spikes in the wheels of production. That is the unknown quantity which just now seems to dominate and bewilder all calculations as to the time

when we may hope to see better days.

In the meantime, if it is any consolation, Senator Smoot, in the course of a brief interruption of Senator Reed's exhaustive address, revealed the fact that the rate of increase in

90 important commodities during the last three years of the civil war was almost exactly parallel with the increase in the price of the same commodities during the last three years of the great world war so recently ended.

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