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

The English-Speaking Union For Better Understanding.

Few readers know much about the English-speaking union which was organized in London on July 4, 1918. It is nevertheless worthy of general consideration and will undoubtedly be heard from more widely and frequently as time goes on.

This non-partisan, non-sectarian and not at all concerned with the internal politics of the English-speaking nations. Membership in the organization does not conflict with good citizenship and loyalty to one's own land. Membership is open to both men and women.

The purpose of this organization is to form a closer bond of sympathy between the peoples of our own country and those of the British Commonwealth. A good understanding among English-speaking people all over the world is to be promoted.

The union proposes that certain national holidays be celebrated jointly by the countries represented in its name. Among such festivals would be Emperor's Magna Charta Day, June 15; our own Fourth of July, or American Independence Day; Empire Day, May 24; Washington's birthday, Feb. 22; Shakespeare's birthday, April 23; and American Thanksgiving day, the last Thursday in November.

Men prominent and respected on both sides of the Atlantic are at the head of the organization, among them A. J. Balfour, Sir Robert Bader-Powell, Sir Robert Borden, Viscount Bryce, Dr. Jewett, Lord Charnwood and Viscount Northcliffe, all representing the British section. William Howard Taft, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Otto H. Kahn and Nicholas Murray Butler are among those representing the American section.

The importance of this organization, not only to ourselves but to the whole world, is not difficult to see. A better and friendly understanding between English-speaking peoples would mean the triumph of Anglo-Saxon peace and greater friendliness and a better understanding among all the world.

The Public Wants Action On the Treaty.

What has happened to the treaty? The public has followed the fate of the peace treaty in the Senate at the close of the long session that, while ratification was being secured, was held for weeks to the treaty and its long and intricate details. That is to say, they have followed the main purpose and scope of the treaty. They differed about details and they voted willingly, even though they have not been ratification if they had been given the opportunity to do so.

There is ample evidence that the public feels the same way about it. The nation, like every other nation, is clamoring for a cleanup of the war and a definite, official establishment of peace.

Ratification may not bring immediately the blessing expected of it, but it will be a beginning of the new order for government, industry, commerce and finance everywhere to set about their tasks intelligently and get on their feet. It will mean the discouragement of radicalism and the strengthening of the forces of law and order. The world will know "where it is at," as it has not known for many years.

There is a widespread feeling that the warring factions in Washington might have got together in the past session, and there is resentment at their failure. It does no good now to dig into the past and quarrel about the responsibility for that failure. What the public wants is action. It wants

the peace treaty disposed of as quickly as possible, and it will have no patience with statements of either party who, by obstructive tactics or bone-headed stubbornness, interpose any further delay.

A leading newspaper opens an editorial with the announcement: "The economic situation is complicated by the developments of the week"; but to the plain, everyday family it seems that the complications of the economic situation date further back than that.

Great publicity is given the fact that \$5,000,000 worth of diamonds are being imported every month. What would really interest the general public would be news of an increase in the supply of black diamonds.

The only difference between those bombs which were to be sent as Christmas gifts and the ordinary Christmas presents is that the former bust up the recipient and the latter generally bust the fellows that send them.

Von Hindenburg loaned Ludendorff on both checks. "These Germans can't have too much cheek for one another."

To the average person, Thanksgiving this year was purely on the basis that gratitude is a lively sense of duty to come.

When we come to think of it, the cost of living is only a minor difficulty, after all.

FORUM

La Grande, Dec. 1, 1919.

Dear Sir: The Observer article of recent date dealing with the weaver of crime now sweeping over this land has been read with interest. The question arises what does all this denunciation of crime and lawlessness amount to? It only deals with results. It touches not the cause, which lies deeper than the grave of the murderer or the home of the anarchist.

Is not the cause of all this unrest in the nation when reduced to its last analysis, a dissatisfaction with the division of property? Not necessarily private property. But what right is called the property of the nation, including the natural produce of the earth's surface, also that that is of value in the bowels of the earth and in the streams and rivers and adjacent oceans. These may be considered the store houses where mother earth furnishes material for labor to exercise energy on and for brains to exercise labor on.

Men and nations have fought and died about the divisions of these treasures in days gone by when individualism reigned and the law of the jungle prevailed, but it will not do now, education is spreading over the land. Law must be abolished and unionism and mutual support must take its place and spread over the nation until there is only one union and that union embraces every citizen in America. Then the prosperity of the nation will belong to that union and all strikes will be a thing of the past.

The El Club of La Grande and House of Congress and the emigration commissioners at Ellis Island, who are now with commendable sincerity planning the death and burial, or the deportation of all citizens of crime in this nation.

Which means the suppression of the thinking and reasoning powers of the masses. The eligibility of such an idea could not be exceeded by their proposing to sink a telegraph pole into the top of Mount McKinley and then to use it to prevent the world from tubular around all this tubular will be longed for a better understanding of each other. Capital and labor will be terms of the past, the great majority of the population of the U. S. wish to do what they are only willing for the man of the hour, and the way. They have not long to wait.

L. GARRICK.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE DALL HAVE FINE TIME

San Francisco, Cal., November 25, 1919. Editor Observer: San Francisco has just passed through the worst storm in many years, but we are safely housed at the home of our grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Cronby, up in the hills near the town where we don't know of the big storm until we read of it in the papers.

Our trip November 1st and stopped in Portland a few days, then visited at the home of T. W. Lusk, at Falls City, then stopped two weeks in Sacramento, our new home. C. E. Ball, here we renewed our acquaintance with Edmund Robinson, who for several years has connected with the S. J. office in La Grande. Robinson took us in his fine car to a drive to Colson and the gold mine, and the gold mine and olive orchards. We came here November 25 and ate Thanksgiving dinner with our grandchildren here. We expect to leave for Los Angeles Sunday, where we will visit a short time before going to Montana. We are enjoying our trip very much and good visits wherever we go. In yes, we found Mr. and Mrs. Fritz, La Grande people, who are spending the winter with their daughter and family in Sacramento

CANADA'S ENERGIES NOW TURNED FROM WAR TO BUILDING



Farm houses of this type are springing up like mushrooms in Western Canada.



The healthy condition of Canada as a whole is shown conclusively in the increase in the number and value of building operations throughout the Dominion. There is a building expansion in progress, which is not only caused by the fact that new construction practically ceased during the war, but also by the natural growth in population and wealth of our neighbor to the North. In Halifax it is estimated that the value of building under course of construction is fully \$5,000,000. For the building permits issued in 1918 was \$1,900,000. There is decided activity in the ancient city of Quebec, where it has recently been announced that the famous Chateau Frontenac, an immense modern hotel, will have additions to cost \$2,000,000. In Montreal, in addition to a general building, a new court house has been proposed to the city Premier Gouin of Quebec, as the old one is no longer adequate for the growing needs of the Canadian metropolis. Ottawa is putting the finishing touches on the new Dominion Parliament Building, now completed except for the central tower, the cornerstone of which was laid by the Prince of Wales on his recent visit to the capital. In Western Canada there is an activity which forecasts a big era of building. At Calgary, the value of building permits issued during the month of August was more than six times as great as during the corresponding month of 1918. In Regina, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Victoria and other cities there is increased activity to a varying extent. During the first seven months of 1919 over a million dollars worth of permits were taken out in Winnipeg, this notwithstanding the labor troubles there, which suspended this industry for a time. It is estimated that the building permits taken out through the whole of the Dominion this year will exceed those of 1918 by at least 30 per cent.

and had a fine visit with them. Will I guess this is all for this time. From your neighbor and friend, GEORGE DALL.

THREE ADMITS CONSPIRACY.

by Frank C. Dailey and H. Halo Souter, special assistants to United States Attorney General Palmer. Witnesses were summoned from every part of the state and represented both political parties. They numbered both the hypocrites and included both men and women. Chase S. Osborn, former governor of Michigan and one of the Republican candidates defeated for the nomination by Mr. Newberry in the primary election, was the first witness summoned.

Truman H. Newberry, secretary of the navy in the cabinet of Theodore Roosevelt, was declared elected over Henry Ford, Detroit automobile manufacturer, the Democratic nominee, in Michigan's last senatorial election. Mr. Ford's name appeared on both the Republican and Democratic ballots in the nominating primary, and this fact, together with the charges that money was freely spent in the election of Mr. Newberry, resulted in the making of radical changes in the Michigan election laws by the legislature. Mr. Newberry's expense statement for election showed disbursements of \$175,000.

The Republican nomination was carried by Mr. Newberry after a new hard fight. Mr. Ford received the Democratic nomination. The election campaign became bitter, charges and counter charges being preferred by adherents of the two candidates. Mr. Newberry, who it was claimed, sent no time to the state during the campaign because of duties in the New York naval district, was finally declared elected by a majority of 7,567, days after the election. The vote was: Newberry, 230,054; Ford 212,487. Mr. Ford filed a petition with the senate at the last session, contesting Senator Newberry's right to a seat. A resolution proposed by Senator Pomeroy, Democrat of Ohio, asked a special investigation but received no action in the committee on privileges and elections to which it was referred. The resolution was re-introduced in the present session but, at the suggestion of Mr. Ford's counsel, action was deferred.

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NEW TODAY

LOST—Two keys, on a ring; finder return to Observer. 12-132.
LOST—Ekt tooth hat on name Mae engraved. Reward returned to Observer. 12-126.
WANTED—Deliveryman, La Grande Delivery Co. 12-111.

LOST—About 14 keys on a triangle key ring; leave at Observer office, phone Red 2211; reward, 1-1-00.
FOR SALE—Cheap; one barn will make a good house; 1 new Ford town truck, with good, hard wood bed; 3 heat ng stoves. Phone Black 1012. 12-101.
At Sherry's "Swedish Bakers" start today and tomorrow. It

Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets are intended especially for indigestion and constipation. They tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They act gently on the liver and bowels, thereby restoring the stomach and bowels to a healthy condition. When you feel dull, stupid and constipated give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with their effect. Adv.

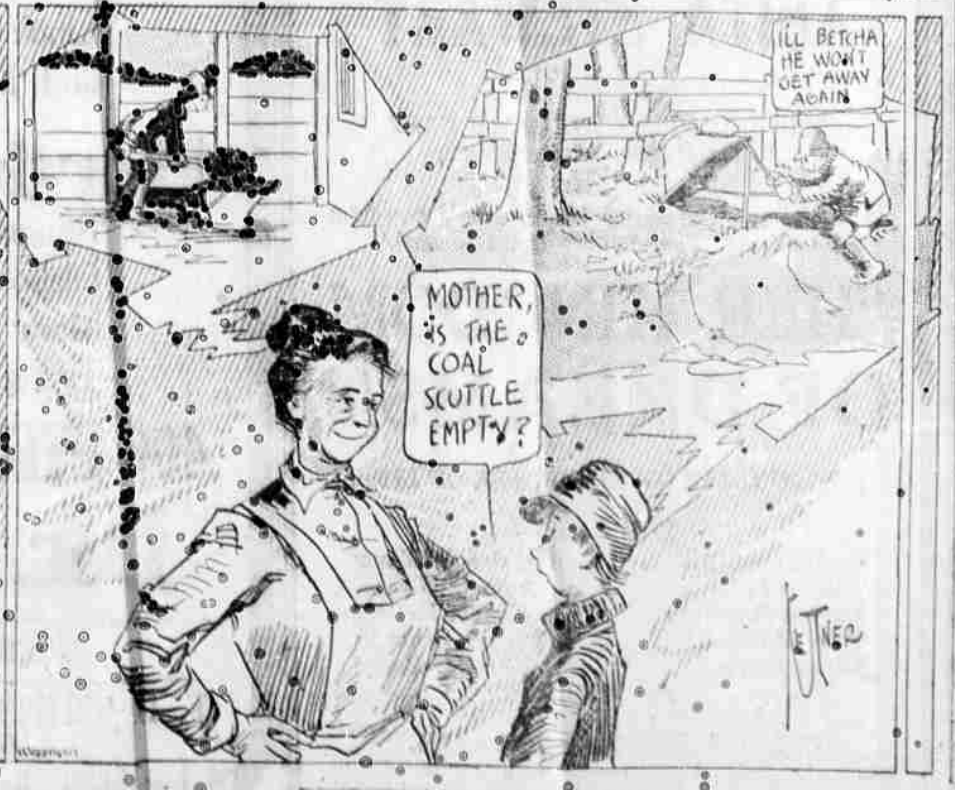
A classified ad will bring results. Notice of Bond Sale. Notice is by this given that the county of Union county, Oregon, will receive sealed bids in writing until 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the 22nd day of December, 1919, at the County Court room in La Grande, Union county, Oregon, for the purchase of Serial Bonds of said county for the construction of permanent roads therein, amounting to the sum of \$400,000.00, in denominations of \$1,000.00 each, and immediately thereafter said bids will be publicly opened; said bonds are dated December 15th, 1919, and mature and are redeemable numerically in the following order and at the following dates:

Series No. 1 for \$50,000 on January 15, 1925; Series No. 2 for \$20,000 on January 15, 1926; Series No. 3 for \$70,000 on January 15, 1927; Series No. 4 for \$45,000 on January 15, 1928; Series No. 5 for \$45,000 on January 15, 1929; Series No. 6 for \$45,000 on January 15, 1930; Series No. 7 for \$45,000 on January 15, 1931; Series No. 8 for \$45,000 on January 15, 1932; Series No. 9 for \$45,000 on January 15, 1933; Series No. 10 for \$45,000 on January 15, 1934; each of said bonds to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 of each year, principal and interest payable in gold coin of the fiscal agency of the state of Oregon in New York City, N. Y.

All bids for said bonds must be accompanied by a certified check of a banking institution for two per centum of the face value of the bonds bid for, and the successful bidder must be prepared to pay for and receive said bonds within ten days of sale; checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned. The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The approving legal opinion of the District Attorney, J. S. Holst, and of Teal, Minor & Winfree of Portland, Oregon, will be furnished to the successful bidder. The assessed valuation of the taxable property of said county at a 1919-20 assessment is \$24,973,696.00; and the indebtedness of said county exclusive of that incurred for these bonds is nothing. By order of the county court. C. K. McCormick, Clerk, La Grande, Ore. Dly Nov. 24; Dec. 1-8-15.

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