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HELLO, HAVANA!

Only a few years ago coast-to-coast telephone parties were very popular. The fact that a person in New York City could carry on a conversation with another person in San Francisco was recognized as of vital importance to the country as a whole, and many organizations and associations made telephonic connection with remote cities a feature of their social programs. Recently another such party was held. This time it was wireless telephoning. President Harding at Washington talked with President Menocal at Havana, Cuba, and both were connected with Catalina Island in the Pacific Ocean. This wide extension of the area of telephone communication is of value in many ways, facilitating, as it will, contact between governments, business concerns and private individuals.

There is another interesting feature of the most modern inventions such as wireless telegraphy and telephony and aviation. These new devices of civilization are not confined to the services of the civilized nations. They are penetrating into wilderness and desert and jungle where primitive races live and where the automobile and the steam railroads have been unable to go.

The wireless and the airplane wait for no slow development through the various steps of knowledge and civilization, but carry their achievements into regions and among peoples that have scarcely altered their mode of living for many hundreds of years. It is said that the nomads of the desert regard the airplane as a matter of course, and that inland China, devoid of every other device of modern science, is eager for the erection of wireless stations.

The civilized nations which are thus violently invading backward lands have a great responsibility toward the inhabitants. It is possible that we know as little about their traditions, their religions and their customs—as they do about us. The temptation to exploit them, to alter their mode of living and thinking to suit our standards, is great. Yet modern civilization will fail of achieving its noblest purposes if it fails to use its scientific tools to destroy their ancient customs and ideals without giving them something truly better.

MAY 1 FOR GERMANY

Only a few days remain before May 1, when Germany must bring her dallying to an end and start upon actual payment of her debt. In interviews with news correspondents and foreign representatives she has expressed herself as having a definite plan for meeting her obligations and honestly intending to carry it out. She declares herself done with attempts at evasion or efforts to split the Allies.

As the adventuress in the melodrama is fond of hissing, "We shall see what we shall see." Manifestly no more time can be wasted in arguing with Germany. There is no question of her guilt in starting the war, or the horrors with which she conducted it, or her obligation to make as full reparation as can be made. There is good reason to believe she is able to do much more than she has yet offered to do.

Germany has kept the world upset long enough. May 1 should see her on the road to just payment of her debts or should see the allied armies on the road to Berlin.

UNDER THE YOKE.

The Oregon Journal of recent date, expresses the idea of the average taxpayer in a well written editorial, which reads as follows:

"The state of Oregon is to spend \$46,000,000 in the years 1921 and 1922. That sum represents a tax increase far outstripping the growth of the population in the last few years and the increase in taxable wealth.

"Taxes mounted 133 per cent between 1910 and 1920. But the population increased only 25 per cent and taxable wealth less than 15 per cent. The result is a doubled bill for the taxpayers of the state to meet.

"In 1910 the per capita tax of Oregon was \$23. In 1921 it is \$44.50, or an increase of 88 per cent.

"National government disbursements tell the same story. The government spent \$6.25 for every person in the country in 1900. In 1910 the disbursements per capita were \$7.30. But in 1920 they were \$14.77.

"The cost of government ever increases, and not merely in such a rate as the population and taxable wealth but much faster than either. The trend is increasingly toward over-government, multiplication of officials, additional boards and commissions, unwarranted departure into new fields, and unnecessary division of official duties.

"In 1816 there was but one employe on the federal payroll for 67,722 population. In 1917

there was one employe for every 242 of population.

"The cost of commissions and boards in California in 1905 was \$941,000. In 1917 the cost of commissions and boards was \$5,907,000.

"The increasing costs are largely due to lack of economy in public expenditure. We maintain county and city officials charged with approximately the same duties for the same population. We keep sheriffs and constables, and detectives and police operating independently on the same enterprise. They are all engaged in the business of enforcing the law, but vice-commissions and grand juries are constantly finding and reporting that the laws are not enforced.

"We have armies of prosecutors and deputy prosecutors and assistant prosecutors and special prosecutors, but we convict only a little more than 1 per cent of our murderers. New York city alone has almost as many judges as England; Illinois has more, and the United States has 20 times as many. But England convicts 40 times as many criminals in proportion to population as are convicted in America. But America pays the bills.

"The over government, the unnecessary expenditures, have aided in sending taxes to the skies. And the taxes in turn are threatening to wreck production, and by strangling production to decrease employment, to decrease buying power and to decrease consumption. Such a price the state of Oregon cannot afford to pay."

THE OFFICE CAT



Let whistles blow and bells ring out,
Sound 'em loud and long,
Let voices raise in gladness praise,
Let lips burst forth in song.
On with the dance, forget the grouch,
To all the world proclaim:
The joyous news, "they did not lose",
The Beavers have won a game.

Hints On The H. C. of L.
"A fellow can't afford to sit around these days, it costs so much to half-sole your trousers," said the best catch of La Grande.
"A rolling pin gathers no dough," replied his best friend.

Examination for P. O. Appointment.

What's your name?
George Kafosh.
What's your wife's name?
I haven't any wife.
What would her name be if you had one?
Mrs. Kafosh.

What was your grandfather's maiden name?
Harding.
Who did you vote for in the last election?
Harding.

Who are you going to vote for in the next election?
The Democrats are our enemies.
Who are the Republicans?
God's noblemen.

How much is a two-cent stamp worth?
Two cents.
Good—what color is it?
Red.

Excellent—How would you distinguish a two-cent stamp from a one-cent stamp?
A one-cent stamp is green.

And now for a few technical questions. At which end of the train is the engine?
The front end.
And the caboose?
The rear end.

Can you read postcards?
You bet.
Will you?
I'll say I will.

What does R. F. D. mean?
Route for the Democrats.
What railroad is Chicago near?
Chicago & Alton.

Who is the best president the United States ever had?
Harding.
Where do you want to go when you die?
Washington.

Do you keep books?
Yes.
Why don't you return them? Now, just one more question: If you get this job of Postmaster will you love, honor and obey the Republican party until death or a change in the administration do you part?
I will.

Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joys of an office under the Republican administration.

It is reported that a La Grande man has broken his engagement to a young woman because she gave him a set of ivory military brushes.

We encourage matrimony. Look at it here in La Grande. Ten marriage licenses were issued last Saturday. Now we turn these poor newlyweds over to the mercies of the landlord, the grocer and the other high cost of living Robin Hoods.

All the world loves a lover, but laughs behind his back.

Iredell Wheeler admitted in court at Smithfield, N. C. that he had traded wives with another man, giving half a pint of whiskey and 25 cents to boot.

Last week was clean-up week. A local lawyer tells one on himself but asks the cat to withhold his name. He heard about it and thought it meant everyone was to get haircuts, etc., during the week. That accounts for his dandified appearance during the past week.

A local restaurant man, who keeps his back counter piled high with boxes of post-toasted, shredded wheat and so on, so that the mirror is completely hidden was asked the reason why. "Well," said he, "I got it from me to knock one of my own kind, but for genuine conceit and smugness, give me a man. I got so tired of seeing men smiling and ogling at the themselves, I had to hide the mirror or go out of business."

Let a Child Choose.
Children should never be forced into a line of work for which they show no aptitude, according to Dr. Edward J. Kempf, a New York psycho-orthologist and author, in an article in the New York Sun. Many parents unwittingly warp their children's whole lives because they fail to realize the vital importance of letting the child pick its own natural bent, says Dr. Kempf, and they have been led by doubts and taboos to the sacrifice of his personality.

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FORMER LOCAL WOMAN DIES

FORMER LA GRANDE GIRL DIES IN PENDLETON

Has Been Ill for Past Six Weeks, and Operation Two Weeks Ago Failed to Bring Relief.

The sad news was received in the city this morning of the death of Mrs. Grace Darling Wittenberg of Pendleton, at 1 o'clock today. Mrs. Wittenberg has been ill for the past six weeks, and two weeks ago underwent an operation, but never seemed to be able to recover.

Mrs. Wittenberg was the eldest daughter of Mr. H. C. Bail of this city. She was born and raised in this city, being twenty-eight years of age at the time of her death. Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn her loss, four children, two daughters and two sons, they being Othel, aged 6; Thelma, aged 4; Clifton, aged 2; and Donald, aged six weeks. One sister, survives, Mrs. R. R. Cromby of San Francisco, California, and two brothers, Howard and George, Ball of this city.

The remains will be shipped to this city for burial. Funeral services will be held at Henry's chapel Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Wittenberg was a member of the Baptist church and the local pastor of the Baptist Church, Rev. A. B. Norton, will have charge of the funeral sermon. Mrs. Wittenberg was also a member of the Royal Neighbors lodge of this city.

Interment will be in the Old Fellows cemetery.

SAYS EVIDENCE NOT AVAILABLE

SEATTLE, Apr. 18.—Prosecuting Attorney Selden of Tacoma said that he had no evidence available under which he could prosecute Roland H. Pothier and Robert Rosenbluth, in connection with the death of Major Conkrite, of Camp Lewis.

NEW POWERS FORM UNION

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18.—Guatemala, Honduras and Salvador are the members of the new central American union, and are pledged to declare war simultaneously with Costa Rica against Panama, if Costa Rica deems such action necessary, in view of the present boundary dispute with Panama, according to official advices.

AFRAID PAWLUK WAS BOLSHEVIKI

PORTLAND, April, 18.—When John Bruno was sentenced to life imprisonment today, his attorney said that Bruno killed Harry Law-luck because of the fact that he was a Bolsheviki agent and that he knew Bruno had aided Polish officials, escape from the beds at Livestock.

For Antiquarians to Solve.
In discussing the origin of names from occupations an interesting point crops up. A man might have been a cooper and his son a weaver, why was the family known as coopers and not weavers? Just at what point did the appellation crystallize into a name? Careful study has failed to clear this point.

MANY RECEIVE STATE TRAINING

NINETY-ONE PERSONS TRAINING UNDER STATE

Industrial Accident Commission Makes Cash Settlements in Cases of 88 Men

SALEM, April 18.—On April 1 there were 90 men and one woman receiving vocational training under the direction of the state industrial accident commission, according to a report prepared by that body today. Eleven of these men finished their courses prior to the completion of the report, while nine others dropped out for various reasons not conveyed to the commission.

The commissioners recently sent out 361 questionnaires to men and women eligible for vocational training. Eighty of these questionnaires were not returned, while in 195 cases the persons receiving the blanks informed the commission that they were employed at good wages or had other resources which made it unnecessary for them to take a course in vocational training.

The report showed that for the training of these men and women the accident commission expended \$23,485 up to April 1. Eighty-eight of the men injured in industrial accidents and entitled to vocational relief accepted lump-sum settlements in order that they might engage in business or provide other means whereby they could earn a living for themselves and families.

In all cases of vocational training the commission has taken advantage of schools already in existence. These include trade schools, University of Oregon, agricultural college and other educational institutions.

No Shortage.
"I rented a house in the Street of Dreams," sings a poet. Well, even a poet can pay the rent of that kind of a house.—Boston Transcript.

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Say Eddie!

Come on out! Your show's bigger and better than Barnum!

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DIPPING RULES GIVEN SHEEPMEN

SALEM, April 18.—The Oregon state livestock sanitary board, at a meeting held recently in Portland, caused to be issued a proclamation authorizing sheep breeders to dispense with the dipping of their animals for the year 1921, with the exception of in Deschutes county and that part of Lake county north of a point east and west through what is known as Avery pass.

Dipping of sheep in Deschutes county and part of Lake county will take place under the terms of the proclamation between April 1 and August 1, and the dips must be approved by the federal bureau of animal husbandry and be under the supervision of federal, state or county inspectors.

The proclamation sets out that with the exception of Deschutes county and a small part of Lake county Oregon sheep were free from contagious disease.

ILL FEELING ABOARD SHIP

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 18.—Ill feeling between the American passengers and the officers and sailors of the Japanese steamer Siberia Maru, resulted in the dispatching of police to the vessel when it arrived today from the Orient.

Draming of Putty.
To dream of putty is a sign of poverty; putting up holes foretells losses—the larger the hole the more extensive the loss. If you are putting glass into a window with putty it foretells that you will soon move into a warmer place than you now occupy.

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