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Alibis for the profiteers, the big thieves and other pests that humans must suffer because they be are very frequent and we presume this is the reason that evidence from the bible in proof that the devil is not as bad as he is painted can be submitted now with perfect propriety.

If Hi Johnson is winning by the votes of pro-Germans, as it is alleged, the little old United States must have been a sub-station of Berlin's all this time and we didn't know it. But it is not true; Hi is going down the track plainly marked with a "P" while all his competitors are labeled "S. P." By that sign he is conquering.

The Post does not anticipate that the President's letter will effect the Oregon senatorial situation to any great extent. A greater part of the opposition to the reelection of Senator Chamberlain among the rank and file of the Democratic party comes from his continual advocacy of a vicious military service in which the youth of the land will be compelled to "soldier," thus creating in this country military aristocracy and a system that would eventually ride to a fall presumably at the cost of millions of lives.

THE RHYMING SUMMARIST

A. G. Williams hits the hill on high
And believes it a duty
To push the Chautauqua o'er the top,
In Latin, "Sig soc tooty";
We're with Al in his bravo fight
And if our purse is caving,
To melt the ice
And get the price,
We will cut the shaving.

Look at the bunch of pretty girls,
Who for a Max are going,
Now if we were a nice young man,
We'd try our hand at beauging;
Sadie wants a new bathing suit
But with prices upward flocking,
For economy's sake
One she'll make
From a last year's stocking.

The baseball boys are running wild
And stealing many bases,
They hit the horsehide on the nose
And at the umps make faces;
It will soon be too hot to work
And we'd take up real estating,
But lack the wind,
So here we're pinned,
Its nix on dissipating.

ELECTION, MAY 21

STATE ROADS

Vote 302 X Yes

For 4% State Road Bond Limit

BALLOT TITLES AS FOLLOWS:

302 X Yes	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Referred to the people by the Legislative Assembly.
303 No	LIMITATION OF FOUR PER CENT STATE INDEBTEDNESS FOR PERMANENT ROADS.—Purpose: To amend Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon so as to permit the creation of State bonds for the purpose of financing and maintaining permanent roads to the amount of four per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the State of Oregon, instead of two per cent as now provided by law.

**NO PROPERTY TAX—NO DIRECT TAX
NO INCREASE IN AUTO LICENSE FEES
NO INCREASE OF GASOLINE TAX**

Keep these three facts in mind. The present auto license fees and gasoline tax will pay both the principal and interest on all the bonds under this amendment, and will yield an annual surplus besides for other state highway work. No additional taxation of any kind.

FEDERAL FUNDS MUST BE MATCHED

Oregon must have sufficient Highway Funds to match Federal apportionments or Oregon cannot get the benefit of Federal money for Oregon Roads. Increasing this constitutional limit is a necessity. Unless limit is increased, either state roads cannot be completed for many, many years, or must be finished by direct property taxation. This measure averts direct property tax for state highways and makes early completion possible. Let's get the roads built now.

Income from Present Sources Sufficient to Pay Principal and Interest.

The fact that revenues from auto license fees and gasoline tax, without increase of present rates, will be amply to pay both principal and interest on these bonds, is clearly set forth by official figures in the State Pamphlet, mailed to every registered voter. Refer to State Pamphlet for verification. Examine the table carefully. It proves that no property tax is required and that present rates for auto license fees and gas tax will redeem principal and interest and yield surplus besides.

For Interest Tables, Pamphlets or further information, write to OREGON ROADS AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
W. L. THOMAS, President, 245 4th St., Portland
Campaign Headquarters, 311 Worcester Building, Portland, Oregon
C. C. GRAPPA, Chairman Executive Committee, R. L. Ash

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IN THE SPRING

(By Maude Burbank Harding)
I'd like to know what gets inside a feller, in the spring!
There's something breaks away in him, an' tugs like everything!
When I first spied the crocuses a-strugglin' toward the light,
The way that somethin' pushed them up, reminded me a sight,
Of those queer things inside o' me a-tryin' to get out;
It kinder feels like gladness, an' you think you want to shout,
But when you think it over it's sad things you're glad about!

It's great to see the flowers bud, an' leaves come on the trees,
But you know you can't ever be nor od such things as these!
It's lots of fun to count the robins comin', one by one,
An' watch the time grow longer for the settin' of the sun;
But it sorter makes you solemn when you wonder 'bout it all,
The flowers that die and bloom again, and die again next fall!
An' to know you're most important, though you're weak, an' poor an' small.

The Profiteering Epidemic

(Albany Democrat)

There is no question that labor, in general, is slacking, doing less work than usual, demanding pay with little regard to the service rendered, and often with little regard to the actual increase in the cost of living. The country is suffering, particularly in the vital building trades, from a tyranny of labor.

It is natural and easy to criticize organized labor for this. And yet there are, as usual, two sides to the question. Why has labor embarked on this relentless career of profiteering? Because capital has been, and is, profiteering.

It was the big war profits of American business men that gave workmen the idea. Seeing how much money was being made by their employers and exaggerating it in many cases, they "wanted theirs." They are now getting theirs with a vengeance, in nearly all the skilled trades; but employers, too, as a rule, are still doing the same.

It is now one big orgy of profiteering on the part of capital and labor both.

In most talk about profiteering, the critics think only of dealers, particularly of retailers. They are only a part of the unfortunate system. Where is the manufacturer who is not making money today, despite the high wages he has to pay—making far more than he ever made before the war? Read the corporation reports. There is case after case of unprecedented percentages earned, and on top of the abnormal dividend rates, stock divisions amounting often to 100 or 200 per cent of the investment. These stock dividends, too, thanks to recent Supreme Court decision, are untouched by the excess profits tax; though they are built of excess profits.

Everybody profiteers—except the unorganized salaried person, the man or woman of fairly fixed pay or income, but of whose hide come, in one way or another the extortionate profits of all the rest.

People are probably no worse now than they were before—no more grasping or cruel. Human nature does not change much. But there is certainly dominant temporarily a spirit of selfishness which is imposing great hardship on helpless millions and demoralizing economic processes and social standards.

What is to come of it? Possibly the cure lies in the very excess. When the disease gets bad enough, it may cure itself. When the "middle class" organizes, and the gouging becomes universal, with everybody profiteering on everybody else, then everybody may come back to a reasonable and honest basis.

The American Dollar

(From the Birmingham Age-Herald)
The American dollar looks as big as a cartwheel to a German, a Frenchman or even an Englishman, but looks to be about the size of a pre-war dime to the average American.

UNAPPRECIATED.

"Oh, George, dear," said the anxious girl, who had been waiting while her lover interviewed her father on matrimonial topics, "what did papa say?"
"Agnes, my love," replied George, diplomatically, "I don't think your father's friends half appreciate what a vigorous speaker he is, or what a wonderful command of language he possesses."

The farmer doesn't need to save daylight. He doesn't waste any.—Grand Rapids Herald.

The Next War

(Our Dumb Animals)

The world is not satisfied. No sooner are we thru with the most appalling war of history than we must begin totalk of another. If this last one was "hell," the next, we are told, will be "hell" raised to the nth power. Here in our own country safer from attack than any other and where we thought we had been doing something which would end the mad insanity of war, plans are now being discussed to spend \$100,000,000 for military training, and to put our military establishment on a \$500,000,000 annual basis. The chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs in the House of Representatives is talking already about the next war, which he says will cost from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000,000. We have even seen estimates made for what are called necessary preparations for this next war, liable practically to exterminate the race, which would mean that for every dollar used for the expenses of our government, one half of it would be for military purposes.

The President should negotiate a separate peace with the Senate before he opens negotiations for a separate peace with Germany.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

B. F. JONES

Candidate for the Republican Nominaton for Secretary of State

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Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures.....	17,800.00
Cash and due from other Banks.....	78,322.62
	\$363,347.34
Liabilities	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	7,018.88
Deposits.....	331,328.46
	\$363,347.34



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