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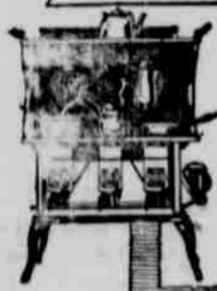
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Independence, Oregon, Friday, May 18, 1917

Chief Justice McBride's reference to a beer bottle in a recent decision affecting the city of Independence may possibly put Independence in a wrong light before the world. Say the chief justice:

"Evidently it was not a government corner because the government surveys are not marked by beer bottles buried in the ground; and it is a matter of common knowledge that in the early fifties, when these donation claims were being surveyed, Oregon was in a state of pristine purity and sobriety and beer bottles were unknown. So this beer bottle which the surveyor found and dug and identifies as such must belong to a more recent geological period than that extending from 1850 to 1854."

The past reputation may to a degree justify the suspicion, we desire to state now that citizens of Independence do not make use of beer bottles for sign boards, line posts and corner stakes. While in this particular case it might have been contended by some that a beer bottle was made use of, it is a vindication of the honor of Independence and a proof of its purity that the chief justice refused to recognize any such contention.

Senator Reed of Missouri aptly puts it when he wonders that prices are not higher in view of the action of government officials and others who declare that the country faces a serious food shortage. His views are published elsewhere in this issue. It stands to reason that with the high prices now being received and which are sure to continue for some time that every producer will make every effort to grow as much as he can. It is a golden opportunity to make money and everyone will take advantage of it without any special urging.

Saying that "you'd do the same thing if you had the chance" is no excuse for permitting the food speculators to continue their robbery. There are a number of persons who would rob a bank if they had the chance; still when any of them gets the chance and embraces it, police officers catch them if they can and the courts order them confined in a place where they will get no more chances.

Congress in partially attempting to place the war tax on those who will profit the most by the war and those who were mainly responsible for it naturally marked the newspapers. While we never counseled or sounded a call to arms before the declaration, we are willing to pay our bit because the principle is right. The jingo and kept press should pay its portion.

Wheat now quoted at three dollars was bought of the farmer for approximately one dollar. The difference between the buying and selling price represents the loot of the speculator.

The fourth measure on the ballot to be voted on June 4 should be kept in mind and a vote of "307 No" registered. It is the most vicious piece of legislation ever attempted in Oregon.

Theodore Roosevelt is to go to the trenches in Europe, providing that President Wilson gives his consent. T. R. will give a good account of himself, press agents will see to that.

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Ruth Law Urges Stunts to Train War Aviators.

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Man Who Is Better Dodger, Who Has Most Tricks Up His Sleeve, Is Man Who Is Going to Win—Declares Advanced School For Flying Is Absolutely Essential.

Washington.—That sort of flying which most Americans regard as devil-trick work is, according to Ruth Law, holder of the American nonstop record, who recently returned from three months spent in French aviation centers, absolutely necessary to the man who engages in a battle in the air.

"There really is a crying need in this country for the establishment of a school of advanced flying," said Miss Law. "Before an aviator is prepared to engage another flier in battle he should know how to loop the loop, do a



Photo by American Press Association.  
RUTH LAW.

nose or vertical dive, execute a tall spin, a tall slide or any other of the so-called stunts."

Miss Law is herself an expert at all these stunts, which have caused spectators to gasp in awe at her daring. And so her next remark seemed rather surprising.

"None of these stunts is dangerous when properly done," she continued. "I went to the French flying center at Pau, where some 500 or more aviators are learning this sort of air work. This is the only school of advanced flying in France, and it is from here that the fighting air men are graduated. All the aviators in France have advance work before they are sent to the front. It would be suicide if they hadn't."

"Fighting in the air is fighting for position. Consequently it is largely a business of dodging. The man who is the better dodger, who has the most tricks up his sleeve, is the man who is going to win. I have seen men stop controlling their machines altogether and simply fall through space for several thousand feet."

The point of this, of

give the opposing flier the idea that the plane has been struck. The opposing aviator, thinking he has put his enemy out of commission, will start away. Then the plunging air man will switch on his power, regain control of his machine and overtake his enemy without the latter knowing he is approaching. Such tactics naturally are used at great altitudes."



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