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Replying to a recent Monitor editorial, the Woodburn Independent says:

"But the farmers of Oregon prefer waiting to see what will be proposed by this Farmers' Union to the North Dakota legislature before adopting the plan in this state. Too many Socialists and Singletaxers are back of the scheme to altogether please the Oregon farmers."

But "this Farmers' Union" has already presented its measures to the North Dakota legislature, and all of them that could be driven thru a reactionary senate have been adopted and are now in operation. Regardless of what Socialists, Singletaxers or the members of any political party or creed think about it, if any of these measures will better conditions in Oregon we should try them. Certainly, any movement to eliminate the rule of the political boss and corporation hireling has some merit.

Jack Lait, the famous newspaper writer, aged 35, says that he can remember when street cars were pulled by horses, when telephones were rare novelties, when an airship was a crazy man's proof that he was crazy, when a submarine was a dime novel dreamer's delirium, when wireless telegraphy couldn't be, when appendicitis was acute indigestion, when ladies wore bustles, when safety bicycles had never been built, when Ford hadn't even begun to construct an automobile or no one else with any hope of making it run, when a big part of the west was lined off in territories, when there were no moving pictures, when there were no phonographs, when men wore beards and when eggs sold for twelve cents a dozen. When we look back less than 35 years and scan the progress that the world has made in that time, we wonder what it will be like 35 years hence.

William S. Scott, coal mine owner, testifying before a court of inquiry, said:

"There is no limit. We get what we can. Everybody is doing that, including the farmer. I am not qualified to say whether such a policy is right. I am doing all I can to get what I can."

We put the poor, deluded I. W. W. into jail, and in some cases mob him, while "highbrow anarchists" like Scott are permitted to rob the people unmolested. If you are looking for the answer to the question, "Why is an I. W. W.?", you can find it in Scott's testimony.

The entire world, civilized and uncivilized, with the exception of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey, has concluded to dispense with the services of the kaiser and his immediate family, and it seems to be generally understood that the people of the four countries named above wish they were rid of them also, but don't dare say so.

Henry Ford says that ninety-five per cent of all war profits should be given to the government and as a further proof of his true patriotism he is manufacturing motor cars for the government at cost. Mr. Ford is so different from other millionaires that often he is accused of being a crank or crazy.

The standpat element hopes to restrain more than one candidate from entering the race against Ben Olcott for governor in the Republican primaries. Wasn't the same scheme tried in 1916?

TO GUARD GIRLS

Patriotic League to Watch Over Them in Wartime.

\$250,000 FUND FOR PURPOSE.

Organized Movement Will Be Found In All the Cities and Towns Where Boys in Khaki Will Be Quartered—Clubs of All Kinds For Girls Are Also Being Started by the League.

New York.—One-quarter of the \$1,000,000 big gathering of representative women of the country which met at the call of the national board, Y. W. C. A. headquarters in New York, 600 Lexington avenue, recently, voted to raise for its contributory war work among women has come in, and the work in the vicinity of training camps is well under way, with a patriotic league for girls as its big idea. This league is being organized in all the cities or towns near the camps. It is under the direction of the junior war work council of the national board and



MRS. JAMES S. CUSHMAN.

is open to all girls without regard to race or creed, the member's one obligation being to sign the pledge of the league and to have the spirit to keep it.

In its efforts to develop the patriotic spirit the league workers believe there will be a relocation of what they call the "future of the khaki" to its proper position. The Y. W. C. A. works only with women and girls, but this is distinctly a war work, as the attitude of the young girls in towns and women in the vicinity of the camps will have a definite effect upon the young soldiers.

With the league clubs of all kinds for the girls are being formed to give them varied interests of their own. One of these is in the form of a camp for factory girls, workers of a factory now closed, outside Plattsburg. The girls have club leaders, recreation leaders, and they have hikes and athletics. The clubs and organizations are confined to no one class of girls. Many of them are among the high school girls of the different places.

The pledge is as follows:
I pledge to express my patriotism by doing better than ever before whatever work I have to do by rendering whatever special service I can at this time to my community and country; by living up to the highest standards of character and honor, and by helping others to do the same.

Practically nothing is done for the entertainment and welfare of the young girl when she is at the most impressionable age, the women of the association say. Now they are receiving calls for help from the different places where the bringing together of large bodies of soldiers and the emotional conditions developed in a country at war will be strongly felt by the young girls of the community. Through the patriotic league the girls will learn to express their patriotism worthily, and through the club organized they will be entertained and will have an opportunity to normally expend their emotions.

Hostess houses, to entertain the friends and relatives of the soldiers of the camps, are being built out of the \$1,000,000 war fund. The hostess houses are put up only on invitation of the commandant of a camp or some one else in authority.

A feature of the work of the hostess house is the attendance of women of social position in and around New York, who take turns in acting as hostess at the week ends. Among those who have done this are Mrs. James S. Cushman, president of the executive committee of the war work council; Mrs. Francis De Lacy Hyde of Plattsburg, N. Y., and Mrs. Robert Lovett of Loud Valley, N. Y.

Schoolgirl's Perfect Record.
Hayward, Wis.—Miss Lucine Brahen, a member of the 1917 graduating class of the Hayward high school, has a perfect mark for regular school attendance, as she did not miss a day nor was tardy from September 1905, when she entered the kindergarten of the local school, until this year, when she received a high school diploma.

Drags Big Fish Four Miles.
Arkansas City, Ark.—Unable to pull a seventy-five pound catfish from the Arkansas river dam, Bloomer Allen, an Arkansas City fisherman, chained the fish and dragged it through the river to this city, a distance of four miles. When he reached the city several men assisted him in pulling the fish out of the water.

HUMAN SLED SAVES GUIDE 11,000 FEET UP

Lookout on Mount Hood Slides Down Two Miles With Injured Man on Top of Him.

Portland, Ore.—By making a sledge of himself on the snow clad upper slopes of Mount Hood, Elijah Coalman, forestry service on the mountain, brought to safety Hans Fuhrer, a badly injured mountain guide, who is now in a hospital here.

Fuhrer had guided a party of men and women to the summit, 11,000 feet up. When a mile from the top on the descent Fuhrer fell on the sharp blade of an ax, sustaining a serious wound in the abdomen. Coalman, the lookout, had been watching the party through a spyglass from the summit and saw the accident. He slid, coasted and plunged down the intervening mile and, helped by members of the sight seeing party, hastily stanching Fuhrer's wound.

Then, throwing himself flat on his back, he drew Fuhrer on his body and directed those in the party to attach a rope to his feet. Holding the wounded man with his clasped arms, Coalman was dragged over the snow two miles to the timber line, where Fuhrer was placed in an automobile and brought here.

HUGGED BY A MONKEY.

Swings From a Tree and Throws Arms About Neck of a Young Woman.

Denver.—The lovable monkey is loose. When he swung from the low branches of a tree at Twelfth avenue and Detroit street and threw his arms about the neck of a young woman pedestrian there was a lot of commotion. Aside from breaking the spooning laws, the monkey shouldn't have chosen broad daylight.

A scream from the young woman brought residents to their doors. They saw her running in one direction and the monkey in another. It was difficult for them to ascertain which was the more frightened, the young woman or the lovable monkey.

Patrolmen from the Capitol Hill station have been pursuing the lovable monkey.

Where the monkey came from is a question. The zoo keeper at City park says all his monkeys are "just where they should be" and that none of them would be ungentlemanly enough to leave home and try to hug pedestrians.

CAVE MAN ENLISTS.

Bayer Cured Tuberculosis by Going Naked For Ten Years.

San Francisco.—After running naked on a secluded isle of the Santa Barbara group for ten years, during which time he lived as his ancestors had lived thousands of years before him on fish, mussels and game killed with a stone hatchet, Christian I. Bayer is now a soldier of the United States.

They told Bayer a decade ago in Burlington, Ia., he had tuberculosis and his days were numbered. But when he came here to enlist he passed a perfect physical examination and was at once accepted. The life of a cave man had effected a complete cure. He stripped down and showed a body as tanned as his face.

Bayer is a native of Denmark, thirty-nine years old.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph Loundree, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Joseph Loundree, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, his final account as such administrator of said estate, and that Monday, the 24th day of September, A. D. 1917, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing objections to said report and the settlement thereof.

Joseph Loundree,
Administrator of the Estate of Joseph Loundree, deceased.
Hammond & Hammond,
Attorneys for Administrator.

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