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UNTEER YOUR VICTORY LOAN.

SPORTS OR DEAD BEATS—WHICH?

Are we a bunch of good sports, or are we a dead beat nation?

Probably half or more of the people who buy automobiles do not pay in full at the time of purchase, but that is no crime. If they are honest, they eventually pay in full, and the business transaction is satisfactory to all concerned.

Were it necessary to pay in full at the time of purchase the sale of cars would be greatly reduced and the benefits and pleasures that result from their use would be correspondingly reduced.

There are a few, however, who attempt to beat the person who sold the car. Usually they come to grief and the car is taken from them, but the fact that there are deadbeats makes it necessary that those who have cars to sell impose restrictions upon the honest people that make them absolutely safe in the transaction. Thus the dead beat not only brings trouble upon himself but also works a hardship upon honest people.

This is only one example. Probably more than half the people who build or buy homes do so upon the installment plan. Those who are honest meet their payments promptly, if possible, while the professional dead beat gives the seller all the trouble he can in making collections. The wise salesman has, of course, amply protected himself, both in the case of the honest man and in the case of the dead beat.

Probably a great many more than half the people run credit accounts at the stores at which they make their purchases. Most of those running accounts are honest people, but the dead beat gets in his work once in awhile. The merchant has had to protect himself by making his profits upon the honest man large enough to cover his losses upon the dead beat.

Thus again the dead beat has imposed burdens upon the honest man. Examples might be given indefinitely.

Not long ago this country went to war to save Europe, and eventually America, from a merciless foe.

The bill was a large one, both in blood and money. We knew it would be when we promised to pay it.

We set ourselves up as the greatest bunch of sports on earth and to risk our lives and spend a few billions of dollars did not worry us.

Those who had lives to give offered them freely. Many of those have paid the highest price there is to pay. Anyway, that part of the bill has been paid in full.

But those of us who remained at home have not completed the payments which we promised to meet. We have drawn on our credit for several billions of dollars. Now it is up to us to pay our bills like good sports or admit that we are dead beats.

Which are we going to do?

The same as in all credit business there are some who can not meet their obligations, no matter how willing they may be. Such can not be classed as dead beats.

The dead beat is the one who can pay but doesn't—the one who deliberately and with malice aforethought uses every subterfuge to keep from paying his bills.

The dead beat in the service was the one who used every subterfuge to keep from getting to the front, although there was nothing to keep him from going. The dead beat at home is the one who can buy bonds and stamps but who uses every subterfuge to keep from buying.

We know of folks right in this little city who pose as pillars of the church, who have a competence sufficient for all their worldly needs, and some to spare, who profess to be followers of the lowly one who also made the supreme sacrifice upon no man's land and gave his life to save sinners, and who yet begrudgingly gave a few paltry dollars out of their large store for the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A. and other organizations which carried relief and cheer to the lonely and wounded soldier boys upon the crimsoned, battle torn fields of France, and not only did not volunteer to buy Liberty bonds but tried to make sales committees believe they were unable to buy. If others hadn't bought more willingly, hoarded property might not be worth much today.

Some of these had one or more near and dear in the service or about to get into the service, but their protestations to heaven, their appeals for the safety of their own souls counted as naught against the safety of their filthy dollars, even when their own flesh and blood was concerned.

Those are the dead beats in this war work, and that is really a mild term to use.

Those who CAN but DON'T do their part in cleaning up the war bills are just as much dead beats as those who refuse to pay the store bills which they have allowed members of their families to run.

Again they work a hardship upon those who pay their bills.

The dead beats will be clearly defined when the list is printed of those who subscribe to the Victory Liberty loan.

Those who believe in paying their bills promptly and who do not wait for some one to come around with a bill will be clearly defined in the publication

tion of the honor roll of those who volunteered their subscriptions without waiting for the solicitors.

How promptly do you believe in paying your bills?

Are we good sports or a nation of dead beats?

Your actions will tell.

And you'll get your money back with good interest.

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BLIND SUPPORT.

Lane county teachers recently in session at Junction City, without a dissenting vote, adopted a resolution, of which the following is one paragraph:

"Be it resolved, That we, the teachers of the Lane county institute, pledge our heartiest support to the league of nations now being formed at Paris by the representatives of the United States and the Allies and urge our senators of congress to give their moral support and their votes to the movement."

We quote this paragraph as showing how the people of the country generally have felt towards the proposition of a league of nations. They have wanted, and still do want, a league of nations to prevent war, and were for any kind of a league of nations, or any kind of a league, which promised to prevent war. It was this blind expression of opinion by the people that gave President Wilson reason to believe that any league of nations covenant that met his approval would be swallowed in one gulp by the American people.

But it gradually leaked out that a league of nations might do many things besides the stopping of war.

For instance, the right to fix our own tariff duties and enforce the Monroe doctrine might have been taken from us by the first draft which is understood to have passed the scrutiny of the president and to have met his approval.

As another example, any nation which is joined with us in a league of nations covenant would expect to have the immigration bars let down to it. Japan probably will be one of the signatories to the league of nations covenant, but we have not yet reached the point where we can agree with Japan upon the immigration laws.

In another paragraph the resolution adopted by the teachers says:

"Whereas, to prevent future wars and promote the liberty and progress of the world, it is necessary to have a world organization of the democratic nations, similar to that of the states of the United States, sufficiently strong to curb the lawless ambition of the militaristic nations; . . .

An organization similar to that of the states of the United States might be expected to permit the free intercourse of people of all races and colors and regardless of mental qualifications. That kind of an organization might do away with tariff laws and might be expected to give each member of the organization an equal say in all matters affecting any of them. Where would our Monroe doctrine be at under such conditions?

This getting into a league with European nations is a mighty ticklish proposition, and it seems to us a little unwise to do as the teachers in session at Junction City did and blindly endorse in advance whatever kind of a league may be put up to us.

All you have you owe to the victory of the allied arms. The least you can do to show your appreciation is to lend all you can spare for the Victory Liberty loan.

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WISCONSIN SWINGING BACK.

Slowly but gradually sentiment swings towards the return to the old convention system in some form but minus the objectionable features that caused it to fall into disrepute. The Stanley (Wis.) Republican, commenting upon a bill introduced in the legislature of that state, says:

"Strangely enough, it develops that those interests which were reputed to be opposed to the primary law when La Follette first handed it to us are now in favor of keeping said law while the poor man in politics whom the law was designed to favor is opposed to it."

It has been demonstrated, time and again, that the present primary law is a rich man's law. The expense incident to a canvass for state office places an election to state or congressional office out of the reach of a man of ordinary means. It also has the effect of making the office a permanent asset of the man who once gets it. Under the convention system a man was sometimes named as a candidate because of his fitness for the office. Under the primary system, the determining factors are the length of his wallet and the resonant qualities of his bazoo. Let the primary law go the way of its unworthy progenitor."

The Sentinel does not anticipate that the primary law will ever be entirely thrown away, but it should be remembered that the above comment is from a paper published in a state which has every political trill that Oregon has.

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WILSON'S SECOND TRIP.

The Sentinel found no fault with President Wilson for his first trip to Europe. While we felt that there might be behind the trip some personal desire to be received by royalty of Europe as an equal—or superior—and, possibly, a desire to please the better half of the family, yet it seemed to us that there was sufficient excuse for the visit from the standpoint of results to be accomplished and information that could be obtained at first hand to warrant the trip.

This breaking of all precedents—which is sometimes the making of presidents—put Wilson in the limelight's glare in a way that could not have failed to please the most vainglorious. It made the president without question the leading figure of the world, which has been shown by subsequent events. The obsequiousness of the peace delegates and the promptness with which the objections of the president have been heeded and his wishes granted have shown that the president has been given credit for having more autocratic power than any monarch of the world now actively monarching.

But the second trip to Europe did not meet our approval, and we feel quite certain the president will yet see the

mistake of going too often to the well—if indeed he has not already done so. His first trip put him in touch with affairs in Europe. The second trip has put him out of touch with his own country. His autocratic assumption of power at a time when we are thought to be practically at peace has been his undoing in a way that might not have happened had he remained at home and sent to Europe some of our greatest legal minds instructed by the president as to his wishes and directed by him from home where he could keep his hand on the public pulse.

The president's apparent contempt for the senate, the final treaty-making power, has proved another fatal mistake, for the senate has thus been relieved of any responsibility for mistakes made at the peace conference, while the president has finally had to yield to the opinions of his senatorial critics, for he found that they were voicing the majority of public sentiment, or, at least, had the support of the majority.

Thus the presidential dignity has suffered and the wishes of those who were ignored upon the peace commission have finally prevailed.

Making a peace treaty and a league of nations covenant for a world like this one is too big a job for one man, even a man of President Wilson's high attainments. International and world peace dynamite has to be handled by those who have been especially trained for that kind of a job.

President Wilson could have gotten the credit just as well by having someone else, experienced in that line do the actual work, while he issued his pronouncements from his dignified and well fortified position in the White House.

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Some of the friends of Bill Hohenzollern are trying to paint him as a second savior crucified—and would particularly have us believe that he was in no way responsible for the war. Bill's eulogizers would have better luck had Bill thrown the defy at our ambassadors as to what would happen to us after the war—and but for other facts now beyond dispute which show that Bill was not so innocent as to be entirely ignorant of events he was participating in.

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**THINGS WE THINK**  
Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

The only side of the money question we hear is the one that the Goddess of Liberty is on. The other side doesn't talk.

Some sausage has been held up by the customs officials because of inability to classify it.

A scientist tells us that metals get tired—but who ever saw a lazy man on his mettle.

Some more of the nudist styles in women's dress are on the way over from France.

There has to be a nigger in the woodpile to give color to some of the stories we hear.

Great men are seldom appreciated while alive. Even the Savior was one of the most maligned of men during life.

How much wider awake a fellow is when he wakes up in the middle of the night of his own accord than he is when awakened by the alarm clock.

The sunshiny girl always gets a chance to cast a shadow in the moonlight.

A man who just tears around to get to work at 7 or 8 o'clock week days seems to delight in fussing around until after church time Sundays.

It seems as if the poorest fighters are the worst knockers.

You can always beat the man who wants to stab you in the back. Just keep looking him in the eye.

An undertaker is about the only man who doesn't have catalog house competition.

No man ever gets so fleshy that he covers up all of his bad points.

When a man stops to knock you, you need not fear any competition from him in your line.

It is easy to convince a man that a woman is in love with him, and easy to make the woman believe it too.

The true test of a man's gallantry comes when he has a good seat in the front row of a crowded street car.

Hope often beats wisdom when it comes to helping a fellow over the rough places.

We presume many woman will spoil their ballots by insisting on adding a postscript.

Don't be afraid to speak up—but don't be so vainglorious that you want to speak all the time.

Don't forget that your neighbors are watching you just as closely as you watch them.

Man will laugh at woman's ways—but still they are just the things that make him love her.

A girl is more concerned over how her wedding dress will look than over how her future husband looks.

Were you ever amused at the man who calls you into a corner to tell you something confidentially and then talks so loud that everyone within a block can hear?

There are lots of men whose word is as good as their bond—and this is not necessarily a compliment, either.

There are a lot of things that go on that the newspapers never hear about

and a lot of things the newspapers hear about that never go on.

There might be more smart men if there weren't so many women to make fools of them.

There are any number of jobs around for the man who knows how.

Too much adverse criticism has kept many a person from doing something really worth while. Scatter a little sunshine along your way. It certainly can't hurt, and it may help.

Hope springs eternal in the human breast—otherwise women would get completely discouraged with married life.

There never was a proposition upon which everyone agreed—unless this is the one.

We criticize the nifty man—but he usually finishes ahead of the man who lets the other impose upon him rather than display a little nerve.

What a man's body does not need Nature takes away. Nature ought to do something of the same sort for those folks who have so much more money than they need.

Many who berate the idle rich would not work if they didn't have to.

Some of these gum-shoe politicians need to be retired.

When an airplane turns turtle the pilot turns angel.

OLD MAN TROUBLE.

Old Man Trouble came a-knockin' at de door.  
Says, "You's had some bother an' you g'inter hab some more.  
See dat sun a-shinin' bright an' warm up in de sky?  
He g'inter git so hot he'll nearly melt you by an' by.  
See dem little flowers a-bloomin' modest an' so fair?  
Dey'll soon be hidden by de weeds a-growin' everywhere.  
De bird dat keeps a-singin', though it helps to cheer you some—  
You'll never hear him warble when de skelter starts to hum."

Old Man Trouble, he seedown to rest his hat,  
But we had to move 'im 'roun' to brush de nakes off de mat.  
De way he kep' a talkin' it would pesterate a saint—  
De things he says will happen is enough to make you faint.  
But we rapped 'im wif a broomstick an' we splashed 'im wif a mop,  
We spread de paint an' whitewash everywhere he tried to stop,  
Till Old Man Trouble says, says he "I'll bid good day to you,  
It ain't no chance to visit where dar's so much work to do."

—Exchange.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator has filed in the County Court for Lane County, Oregon, his final account as administrator of said estate and that Saturday, the 17th day of May, 1919, at the hour of 11 o'clock of said day has been set by said Court as the time for hearing objections to said account and the settlement thereof.

A. S. POWELL,  
Administrator of the estate  
of A. H. Powell, deceased.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the estate of Orr Brown and Sarah E. Brown, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Fred H. Brown has been by the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Lane County, appointed administrator of the estates of Orr Brown and Sarah E. Brown, deceased, and that all persons having claims against either of their estates are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, to the said Fred H. Brown, administrator, at Cottage Grove, Oregon, within six months from this 11th day of April, A. D. 1919.

FRED H. BROWN,  
Administrator of the estates of Orr Brown and Sarah E. Brown, deceased.  
H. J. Shinn, Attorney for Admr. a11m9

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