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The Pledge.

I pledge my allegiance to The Flag and to the Republic for which it stand; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The Belgian Exiles.

In any other war the report Minister Brand Whitlock would have stirred the feelings of Americans to frantic action. It is only nineteen years since the Spanish atrocities in Cuba so enraged the American people that the war with Spain was fought for the freedom of Cuba, yet the chronicle of events in Belgium is one that would bring to shame a Weyler.

According a witness whose testimony can not be impeached, Minister Brand Witlock, Germany's treatment of the innocent Belgians is one of the darkest chapters in history. So cruel was it that German soldiers wept when called upon to break-up the homes of peaceful citizens, and now as they realize that their acts have marked them as a brutal nation the German officers are ashamed of themselves.

These last two comments will, in a small degree mitigate the feeling of repulsion which Americans must feel as they read of the wreck of the Flemish people.

The Road Bond Bill.

There is apparently a great deal of work cut out for the champions of the road bond bill if the measure to receive a majority of the votes in Malheur county. This is especially true among the ranchers.

The argument has been raised that this is an inopportune time in which to bond the state when all the resources are required to prosecute a great war. The ranchers declare with apparent logic that the men who would be employed to build roads might better be employed to raise crops. Such an argument is hard to answer because it has merit.

However the building of the roads may also be considered as a war measure for certainly for the defense of a coast state like Oregon good roads are essential. And for the cheap and speedy transportation of farm products to the railroads good roads are a prime necessity.

The thing which puzzles the [illegible] more than any other phase in the agitation against the road bond bill is the opposition of the voters who do not own automobiles, for if ever [illegible] ly [illegible] that one class of property and that alone would pay the cost of [illegible] the road bill is that measure. Why the rancher whose land would be improved by the construction of a good road for which, if he did not own a machine, he would not have to contribute a cent, opposes the bill is quite beyond us.

Of course it is true that the proposed bond issue will not put hard surface on all the roads proposed on the road maps. Oregon is a mighty big state and it will require many millions to cover it with hard surface highways, but that is no argument against building as many miles as the issue will permit.

The question is not how many miles the issue would build but of getting one hundred cents worth of roads for every dollar expended, or as near that amount as possible. That resolves the question into the faith one has in the ability and intergrity of the highway commission who will supervise the expenditure of the money if the issue passes. On that question there can be but one position taken, that is of trust in the commission for Governor Withycombe has selected men whose satnding reputations are beyond question.

Ostracize the Slacker.

In a number of communities the women of America have followed the example of their English and French sisters and have served notice on the slackers that their company is no longer desired.

This is but natural. There are mighty few self respecting girls who want to marry less than a man. The insipid slacker whose only mark of manhood is the clothes with which he covers his frame is due for hard sleding. Usually his only occupation is that of posing as a tailors model running a machine his father worked to secure and banying would-be witticisms with the pretty girls of the city. The fact that he could not support anything more material than a motion to adjourn was overlooked before the war. But now things are different. His very idleness is his curse for the girls know that there is a "bit for him to do," if he has a spark of manhood, and they do not want to be seen with a man who still refuses the chance, while thousands of his fellows are giving all they have to protect his measly hide.

Perhaps if the girls of America make their attitude plain enough even some of the shirkers will be awakened to a saving sense of their disgrace and proceed to either get to work or enlist. If they do not, an application by their fellow men of the Greek system of ostracism would be fitting.

SAYS KAISER IS A NUISANCE.

An exchange received by the Argus in an account of a patriotic mass meeting gives the following as the first paragraph of a resolution adopted:

"BE IT KNOWN, THAT:

"Whereas, the imperial German government has by its ruthless disregard for the rights of humanity, its open and violent defiance of the customs of men and all nations, and of the laws of God, made of itself a menance to our life, peace and happiness and a general nuisance to all mankind."

We don't know what Kaiser Bill would think of it, but no doubt the Belgians agree.

UNITED STATES ARMY.

Officers and Enlisted Reserve Corps Training Camps for commission in Reserve Corps communication regarding any army matters.

Any letters or other communications regarding any of above subjects should be addressed to "Commanding General, Western Department, San Francisco," and not to Major General J. Franklin Bell, who is leaving for Governor's Island, New York.

The Ontario boys with the colors feel that their training will make them popular with the girls when they get back home. If all indications are not awry they are popular now, as they deserve to be.

It would not make a slacker more popular with the boys in the ranks to tell them that the slacker now flirts with "their girls". Nor would "the girls" make themselves more popular with the manly men, than by giving the slacker the [illegible].

Fortunately Ontario has mighty few slackers, but it has some.

A WORKING COMMITTEE IS WHAT WE NEED HERE.

Designed to bring together all the hundreds of organizations [illegible] will co-operate [illegible] [illegible] the Oregon Patriotic Service League [illegible] form formed. It is the [illegible] that a thorough organization has been undertaken in Oregon to handle the subject of [illegible] in a big way and in a manner that will be felt and just to all. In the past various societies have [illegible] independently, duplicating work and wasting effort and not always finding a generous response from the public.

By means of the Oregon Patriotic Service League, everyone can do his "bit." All the societies, clubs and other organizations in Portland are part of the O. P. S. L. Each has a representative who serves as a vice-president and is a member of the advisory board. The system enables the league to come in direct contact with thousands of citizens.

All any community has to do is to have representatives of the local societies get together and form a working agreement, if a community wishes to do its full share toward standing behind the President. To attain the highest efficiency, each community in the state should have a branch of the league, which is non-political and non-sectarian, and the services of every worker is volunteered.

There are two main fields of endeavor which the league has undertaken. The first is to give every citizen an opportunity to make that personal sacrifice which he owes his country; the duty which citizens may perform by volunteering their services and material possessions. The second field is assisting in recruiting; making provisions for those left behind by the enlisted men; seeing that employers keep jobs open for the boys to answer the call to the colors; provide comforts for men at the front; to mobolize the resources of the state; urge the cultivation of gardens and farms; assist in providing farmers with help; provide a home guard and assist the government in any manner possible.

The foregoing summary of the activities of the league embraces every avenue of endeavor which would develop in war or preparation for war. Under the scope of the program there is something which every man, woman and child in Oregon can do for the nation in the way of patriotic service.

By all citizens of the state being affiliated with some branch of league there will be no opportunity for irresponsible individuals to impose on the patriotic impulse of the people by the formation of mushroom organizations. The big idea of the Oregon Patriotic Service League is to bring the people of Oregon to the point where all will work for the common good that the best possible results can be obtained.

EDUCATION FOR RIGHT LIVING IS NOW NEEDED

Before a large audience at the High school last Friday evening Dr. W. J. Weese delivered an interesting lecture on the ducational needs of the day. The perusal of subjects which will teach the boy and girl how to live and how to serve themselves, their home and the state, was the keynote of the address which held theattention of the gathering presenting many ideas new to the gathering.

MONTHLY SALES DAY HAS MANY OFFERINGS

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which is to be held Saturday will bring many buyers to the city judging by the wide variety of offerings of cattle, milch cows, horses and equipment for farm work. The farmers of an ever widening territory are making Ontario their sales headquarters thus increasing the opportunities for both the buyer and the seller.

H. C. Boyer is among the men doing jury duty at Vale this week.

Donkeys In Trousers.

The stranger in Guyaquil, in Ecuador, at once remarks one very curious feature of its life and general appearance. We are used to seeing nets over our horses in the summer, but such an outfit as is required by the donkeys in the tropics strikes the stranger as ludicrous. The donkeys are numerous in the city and are used for all manner of load purposes, from baskets of fruit to the carcasses of butcher's meat. In the morning a string of them may be seen trotting through the streets with a load of fresh meat from the slaughter house which is situated outside the town. The donkeys are all provided with coverings [illegible] the four legs, like or [illegible] trousers, and with a protective [illegible] the ears against the [illegible]. The Guayaquil [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]

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The Popular Side of the Street.

Owners or renters of retail stores should look out for the side of the street on which the property is located. Illustrative of this is the testimony of a real estate expert in a case some time ago that ground floors on the west side of Broadway, New York, should lease for $150 a front foot more than similar property across the street. The value of a retail business depends on the number of passersby, and the difference in this respect may result in a booming trade on one side of a street and only moderate success on the other. Some men are able to acquire such a reputation for their goods that the people go to them even when they are inconveniently located, but it is a good deal easier in building up a trade to put yourself on the route traversed by the crowds.—Leslie's.

Squelching a Dealer.

"Can I sell you some antiques, sir?"

"What have you in stock?"

"I've got a chair George Washington sat in, a cradle Jenny Lind was rocked in, a mirror used by Catherine the Great of Russia and"—

"Say no more. These things are comparatively modern."

"But consider, sir"—

"I want some real antiques. In fact, I am anxious to acquire the set of tools used by Noah in building the ark."—Brooklyn Citizen.

Curious.

A lady one day remarked to Bulwer Lytton how odd it was that a dove (Latin, colombe) should have been sent out to find the old world, and Columbus (Colombo) should have found the new.

"Yes," agreed the novelist, "but more curious still is the fact that one came from Noah and the other from Genoa!"

A Pessimist.

Tommy—Dad, what is a pessimist? Dad—A pessimist is a man who would rather read the death notices in a newspaper than the jokes.—Exchange.

Gloomy Prospect.

The Suitor—What will your father settle on the man who marries you? The Girl—All the rest of the family, I suppose.—Puck.

God bless the good natured, for they bless everybody else. — Henry Ward Beecher.

RADER'S SUGGESTIONS

Ladies' Waists

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-MONDAY FEATURE OFFERINGS

New Waist Values Just in Time for Spring Wear; Each one of this lot has some new style feature that makes it different---In the

First Lot; there are many handsome ideas made up in Crepe de Chine with Khaki Coat collars and trimmings; also Fancy Embroidered Tub Silks, with sport stripe collars and cuffs.

Excellent Values at $3.50

Second Big Lot; in various shades, including Gold Chartreuse, Flesh White, Maise and Blacks, in Jap Silks, Voils, Crepe de Chine, Organdies, etc. Some of these are trimmed in hemstitch and lace edges, the front being trimmed with one large pearl button.

Excellent Values at $2.75

Third Lot; dainty trimmed White Voil Waists with large collars edged with val lace, front embroidered and fastened with fancy pearl buttons.

These are but a few suggestions. To get an idea of all our offerings inspect our complete line. It is reasonably priced and offers you real merchandise bargains for these war-price-days.

Rader Brothers

ONTARIO, OREGON

SKIRT SPECIALS—For Saturday we will offer Skirts in sport stripe plaids, Storm Serges and Check Taffetas, etc. SPECIAL FOR $4.75

COMING! We expect a large shipment of Georgette Waists by Saturday— WATCH FOR THEM!

Even Kipling Will Pun.

There is a new story about Mr. Kipling, for which G. F. Monkshood is responsible, having brought it out in his book, "The Less Familiar Kipling and Kiplingana." It appears that a friend asked Kipling whether he would not write on airmen, as he had done on the commanders and crews of submarines. "Perhaps, some day," replied Mr. Kipling. "Oh, but you must!" insisted his friend. "Let's see whether we can hit on a good title." "Well," said Mr. Kipling, after a moment's reflection, "what do you say to 'Plane Tails From the Sky?' "

New York's Millionaire Club.

There are in New York four clubs which charge an initiation fee of $300. They are the Knickerbocker, the Metropolitan, the Union and the Union League. There is no club in New York which has a higher initiation fee. One of those charging $300 has been called the Millionaires' club.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

SLEEPINESS AFTER MEALS.

It Indicates Something Wrong With the Digestive System.

A condition of drowsiness, which may become an irresistible desire to take a nap shortly after eating, is usually a very accurate indication that something is wrong with the digestive apparatus. Usually this form of indigestion is chronic in character, and apparently there is no other evidence that it exists, or at least such evidence would not be detected by ordinary observation.

In such cases the desire to take a nap comes on suddenly, but the nap is a very short one, ordinarily not more than fifteen minutes. Sometimes the desire for these "indigestion naps" comes on at other periods than those immediately following meals, but in such cases this desire comes regularly at certain periods of the day. The cause, however, is the same as in cases where drowsiness comes on immediately after the meal, the difference in time being simply the difference in the interval required for the food to reach the portion of the intestinal tract that is not working properly.

Occasional drowsiness following an unusually hearty meal should not be confused with the type of periodic desire for a short nap referred to here. Such drowsiness indicates simply that the digestive apparatus is temporarily overworked and may be in a perfectly healthy condition. This sort of drowsiness, if indulged, usually persists for several hours, whereas the naps caused by indigestion are always of short duration.—Exchange.

The Woman of It.

Mrs. Newedd—What do you find in that stupid old paper to interest you? Newedd—I was just glancing at the money market. Mrs. N.—Oh, do they have a money market? Are there ever any bargains?—Boston Transcript.

CAREER SEEKING WOMEN.

One Hundred a Day Flock to New York's Tempting Fate.

One hundred women a day come career seeking in New York city. This is the figure furnished by Director C. B. Barns of the state bureau of employment. He bases his estimate upon the number of women handled daily by the Travelers' Aid, the number registered at hotels and those registered by the state bureau and other employment agencies.

One hundred women a day, 36,500 a year. A fraction over four every hour; approximately one every time the minute hand crosses the fifteen minute mark.

Mr. Barns estimates that a large percentage of career seekers come from up state and towns about New York and New Jersey. Probably 50 per cent, he says, come from western states. The smallest portion of the number comes from the south. Some succeed; more fail. Yet always others come, answering the call of the minute hand as it mills round and round like the finger of Fate, beckoning.

Statistics are impersonal. They say nothing of who the women are nor why they come nor what they find instead of what they expect. They don't say there's tragedy in a head shake. And a laugh round the edge of tragedy.

Statistics haven't told the whole story. They do not say that hope, promise, disaster wait a hundred times a day for the woman who comes to New York.—Winifred Van Duzer in New York American.

His System.

Woman—Here are some bread and butter, creamed chicken, chocolate cake and a glass of water.

Tramp—Never mind de water, mum! Water is fattening, and I'm trying to reduce!