

THEODORE H. Price in the March World's Work, writing under the caption, "Do Wars Really Cost Anything" undertakes to show that war does not materially decrease the wealth of a country, except to destroy a limited amount of buildings and living beings. The argument is good enough to be interesting and should be considered before passing a judgment on it. As an evidence of his theory's correctness he points out at the start that it was not believed generally in August that the war could last more than six months as the powers would be bankrupt by that time at the rate of expenditure then in evidence. But today they find it just as easy to borrow money as ever. The money that is borrowed to carry on the war goes back into the general circulation, finds its way to the banks and is again available for a national loan. In the meantime instead of producing a bad influence on trade and labor, both these are in better condition than before the war began. There is a greater demand for manufactured goods and farm produce, and the wage earner is able to demand a better price for his service.

Not only is it evident that the war has improved conditions for the present in any sections of the world, but the author shows that conditions will in all probability continue to improve for several years hence. This was true after the Spanish war, the Boer war, the Civil war, and the Franco Prussian war. In fact the author convinces you that the area of good times does not even wait till the war is done but actually begins as soon as the first shock of war is over, as soon as the people have adjusted themselves to the economic changes that have been developed by the war itself. According to that it is about time to feel the improvement, and indeed there are not a few who say that the good times are actually with us now.

NOT that the Herald has any claims on Major Bowlby, or that he has any claims on us, but it looks as tho there was something queer in the line up that is trying to oust him. Perhaps the Major was a little indiscreet in the showing up of peculiarities in the steel bridge business. About the best good road boosters we have in the country are the fellows who sell road machinery and construction material. The corrugated culvert people are not expected to love a man who shows that their prices depend upon the perspicuity of the board of supervisors who make the contract. Whose business is it if prices vary 25 to 50 percent? It costs more to deliver steel in some counties than others. Bowlby ought to have taken this into consideration when he was lamming the steel combine. The fact that it costs Lane county half as much more to build a bridge than it did Multnomah county is a matter for the dealers and the county officers to adjust. The officers have to get something out of it. The dealers pay out hundreds of simoleans each year entertaining the commissioner's association. They have to get even sometime.

THE jitney business got a solax plexus this week when the proposed ordinance governing "jits" was published. As might be supposed, there is to be a remonstrance offered. Any plan that prevents the jitneys

being a free lance, will be objectionable. February records fourteen accidents in which jitneys were participants. If the jitneys are regulated they will be interrogated as to their accidents.

The license fee will be objectionable, the hours will be objectionable, the limit on passengers will be objectionable, the line of travel will be objectionable, the lighting arrangements will be objectionable and the indemnity bound is objectionable. In fact, from the jitney man's viewpoint, there's nothing fair about it, not even the fines that are proposed. It looks to a jitney man as tho this ordinance had been drawn by the president of the P. R. L. & P. Co. That is hardly probable. In the end it will turn out about right for everybody.

The Telegram looks like a stranger in its new dress. Perhaps we will like the changes. The larger type used produces a noticeable change—in appearance. It ought to be more readable in its new makeup.

NOTES OF THE W. C. T. U.

The next meeting of Mt. Scott Union will be held at the home of Mrs. McKinley on Tuesday, March 9th. Mrs. Swope, than, whom no one has been in closer touch with the personal workers of the state, will occupy the program hour. Mrs. Swope is now in charge of the County Press Department, and it is especially on relation to this work which will be her topic.

Multnomah County Woman's Christian Temperance Union held a most interesting and instructive institute at headquarters, Thursday, February 18. The morning devotional services, led by Mrs. Inman, was followed by roll call, and responses of current events. Mrs. Hanson led the devotions of the afternoon. Mrs. Blanchard, county superintendent of the Sunday School Department talked on the needs and the importance of the Sunday School in its relation to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. Kemp, who had just returned from the Legislature, then gave a brief summary of Legislative happenings as related to our work. She expressed herself well pleased with the Prohibitory Bill as finally passed, while at first somewhat opposed to certain portions, a careful study of the bill itself, as well as thorough discussions of the measure with men of sound judgment had convinced her that we had a perfectly enforceable law. Mrs. Kemp emphasized the importance of personal letters to our legislators to secure what we want, and as an illustration cited the case of the Washington man who received eighteen hundred letters from his constituents regarding the anti-prohibition act then up before the Washington Legislature. He wrote back to "have the thing called off"; he would rather be a "live Dry than a dead Wet." The worst thing they tried to hand out to us, according to Mrs. Kemp was the repeal of the law making instruction in physiology and hygiene compulsory—Scientific Temperance Instruction—but when the committee had been "educated" on the present law, what it is and what it means, the bill was promptly killed by postponement. They frankly admitted that they did not understand the bill, and had not considered the consequences of its repeal. A word by the way, that bill was merely postponed, and will doubtless come up in the next Legislature. Let us see to it that the men we send up to Salem two years from now understand it, as well as other measures which we may wish passed.

Thirty years ago this winter that law was passed in Oregon. Thirty years of education in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcohol and narcotics on the human system have given us a generation to plan a prohibitory amendment in the constitution of the state. Mrs. Boland, superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction in the public schools, spoke briefly along this line; outlining plans, and asking the co-operation of the local unions. Several solos were rendered by Mrs. Mallett and Mrs. Moreland, and the session closed with the W. C. T. U. benediction.

Health In The Suburbs

BY LORA C. LITTLE

Many women are destined to unnecessary and disastrous mutilation within the next few years, as the result of the current medical dictum that "cancer is easily curable by the early and radical use of the surgeon's knife." This is the language of a newspaper clacquer who has taken upon himself to echo this latest pronouncement of a profession that changes its belief with the facility of a chameleon its colors.

A few years ago it was the X-ray for cancer, and many a poor sufferer had his tissues burned and his agonies increased by the blunder. Radium had a short vogue, and though I believe Congress now has before it a measure to conserve the land rich in radium ores, nevertheless medical "science" is too agile for that august body and radium is already held worthless, even harmful, in the treatment of cancer. The knife for cancer is nothing new. It has in fact proved a dire failure, and the only way to give it an appearance of efficacy is to fool yourself as the doctors are now fooling themselves—and others. They insist on operation early, even before it is certain the affection is a cancer. In this way many a non-malignant growth is extirpated and of course in such case cancer will not always develop subsequently. In this way statistics will be built up to support the surgery cure. Even a very small number of cases in whom cancer does not appear after operation will be held to be a good showing in this terribly fatal disease.

The actual result, however, will be that no cancers will be cured, while many a benign growth removed will later be succeeded by a cancer. This is the view of Dr. John Shaw of London. After many years of study on the subject while specializing in women's diseases, he came to the conclusion that it is five times safer to do nothing for fibroid tumor than to operate. It is explained that the removal of the tumor does not remove the derangement that produced it, and this disorder of cell building, after the patient has recovered from the operation, continues and is then liable to take on a vicious form.

Dr. J. H. Tilden expresses the opinion that surgery only aggravates the condition and increases the sum total of the sufferings of a cancer victim. Discussing the subject in the March Stuffed Club, the same authority says operating for the removal of lumps and tumors has no more to do with curing them than cutting the hair has with preventing its growth.

Air, water, food, exercise and right thinking are the greatest curative agents ever discovered. They are so inexpensive they do not become popular. Another reason is, it requires intelligence and judgment to use them, and it is too much trouble to cultivate these

faculties. Superstitious dependence on doctors is easier.

"Public health is purchasable," loudly cries Portland's city health officer. Let us see about that. Public health is the sum of all the private healths. If individual healths can be bought, then when the public has the price health ought to prevail. But if men of money cannot buy health, that disposes of the brag. C. W. Post (the Postum man) spent money like water to buy himself health and finally ended his sufferings by suicide. E. H. Harriman, Pierpont Morgan, Mark Hanna, William C. Whitney and the two Gatteses, father and son, are others that come to mind; they had the money and tried to buy health with it, but each and all died untimely. The medical profession could not deliver the goods. And do you remember what became of Dr. Walter Wyman, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service? Right there at the very fountainhead of public health, how could he fall ill and die in middle life? And there is poor Bernhardt. Her health was her capital. She made much money and must have spent great sums before she finally gave up and paid a leg to the insatiate profession as a further price to health. (And who does not know she has sacrificed her leg in vain!)

Evidently if health is purchasable, the public has been misled as to the vendor and the kind of coin he accepts for the article.

It takes self discipline to develop and mature a man or woman. Crime is due to want of self discipline. Trashy people with no good purpose in life are but a short remove from the criminal class. Parents who are too soft with their children are as bad as those who are too hard. In either case it is the child who suffers. For, if one learns not discipline in youth, the world will hand him a plenty before he is done with it. First, business and social life will take a hand at the job. If the subject prove amenable, he may take his place among the elect even at this stage of the game. But if society and business training make no impression on him, then the State takes him in hand. The rockpile, the penitentiary, the poorhouse, or some such beneficent institution receives him and here he inherits the debt he refused to pay in youth and manhood, with a stiff usury added on. There is absolutely no escaping discipline. It is only a question whether we will take it early and light or late and heavy.

(Mrs. Little will answer questions of general interest pertaining to health and cure. Name and address of inquirer must be sent but will not be published.)



FAVORITE COMIC OPERA, "THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER," AT HEILIG WEEK OF MARCH 7.

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