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## INDUSTRIES MUST CARE FOR SOLDIERS

Hundreds of thousands of soldiers and sailors returning to their homes after the war will find the places they left occupied and jobs scarce. Families and relatives should make plans to make places for the home coming men and women who have worn Uncle Sam's uniform.

Private co-operation and state and nation must do their utmost to care for discharged forces if we would not swell the ranks of discontent.

A public sentiment must be aroused, to see that they are given at least as good a place in the social structure as they left.

Sound industrial conditions and a good business basis will do more to make this possible than anything else.

## THE FARMERS INSTITUTE

The Farmers Institute is on the verge of being grabbed by a political federation that will probably annihilate the Institute as it now stands. It will transfer the power and benefits toward a political axle where politics will ally itself with whatever course its bosses see fit and govern the wheel.

We saw what politics could and would do for the farmer winters ago when fruits and vegetables lay wasting in the fields, when car loads of potatoes, apples and so on lay until they rotted on the very tracks to stall the market and bring up prices while people starved in the big cities in the poorer districts.

It was not the farmer's fault. He sold what he could of his produce and in order to lift up prices it was not offered to the retailer but left to rot while thousands starved. The consumer was led to believe that there was a shortage in the markets and so on but the goods lay unused and wasting away that had required the man power that Uncle Sam had spared to the farmer while it was urgently needed in Europe to produce. That is what politics will do to the crops from our land.

The farmer should put his heel on the heads of these fakirs and bush-beaters who now seek to control their affairs. If the farmer is wise he will never let politics rise above his own head and interests in any form.

## SYMPATHIZES WITH GOMPERS, BUT---

(From the Yerrington, Nevada, Times)

Mr. Gompers takes the position that in no case is a reduction of wages to be permitted, which means of course that the industries and prices must be maintained on a war basis in time of peace.

We sympathize with Mr. Gompers in his desire to secure the largest returns possible for labor but it is quite evident he overlooks the law of supply and demand.

Heretofore two elements have operated to keep labor at a high price; the scarcity of laborers and the insistent demand for a large line of products at any cost.

Now that the war is over these influences have disappeared and so their effects must disappear. It is an established fact that business cannot be done on less than certain margin or surplus of income over the outgo.

To attempt it means ruin and ruin for business enterprises is calamity for the working man as well as for the owners.

Cost must be kept within certain limits or the people will not buy and so the business is between the millstones and always in danger of being ground to pieces.

If there was some way in which laborers could be enlightened and put in possession of all the essential facts concerning what wages a business will stand, it would be a great gain all around.

## NATIONAL PROHIBITION

The necessary number of states has given assent to ratification of the federal prohibition amendment, and on the first of next June the manufacture and sale of liquor are forbidden by law. Social drinking will be an abandoned custom and arranging the appropriate service of wines for a formal dinner will be one of the lost arts.

The United States is the first great nation to make the experiment of nation-wide prohibition. If it proves satisfactory here other nations will doubtless adopt it.

It was decided that the best form of embodying this great change would be in the form of an amendment to the Constitution. This will insure the most vigorous enforcement of the law, and will enable the effect of it upon the nation to be speedily observed.

The fact that so many of the states have consented to ratification is significant of a great change in public opinion. A few years ago it would have been thought absolutely impossible that the United States should go "bone dry" within the lifetime of the present generation. Even among those who heartily approved of the principle of prohibition, it would have seemed inconceivable that the nation should adopt it. Admitting that the use of alcohol was subject to great abuse, would the public "stand for" its withdrawal?

The fact that the nation entered into war and that prohibition was strictly enforced in the army gave a great impetus to its advance. The practicality of nation-wide prohibition has been more and more confirmed in the minds of people in general. The proof of this is the rapid response which the states have made in ratifying the amendment.

This legislation will undoubtedly banish altogether some existing evils and minimize others. It will be the plain duty of every citizen of the United States to conform to the law both in the letter and the spirit.

## NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Oregon will act as host this summer to the National Editorial Association as one of the results of the activities of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association. This body of men and women is made up of the brightest minds in the newspaper world and the results that will accrue from a publicity standpoint are beyond all computation. During the past two years the Tourist Association representing Oregon, Washington and British Columbia has spent \$112,000 to attract tourists to the Pacific Northwest and the results have been far beyond expectations when war conditions are taken into consideration. That Oregon has received the greater benefit over the other commonwealths is evident in the attendance of Crater Lake. There are 11 National Parks in the United States and all but two show a decrease in attendance except Crater Lake and Rainier National. Crater Lake shows an increase of between 25 and 40 per cent and nearly 50,000 people visited Rainier National while all parts of the Pacific Northwest were included in the various phases of publicity.

The total expenditure of the tourists and vacation seeker per annum is not less than One Billion Dollars and it is to secure our share of this immense revenue that this association exists.

It is safe to say that within a very short time the Pacific Northwest—and it can be demonstrated by figures—can derive from Fifty to One Hundred Million Dollars of actual cash from the encouragement of this travel. This cash remains in the Pacific Northwest. It is not sent out for any raw material, nor for any other commodity, but remains here to help every individual citizen in the development of his business, and in payment of his taxes and the tourist is absolutely the fore runner of the settler, the new investor and the manufacturer.

Travel by rail was discouraged last year and as far as going abroad is concerned there will be nothing doing this year. The war is over and the people have the money and the desire to travel. We have so far expended \$112,000, to attract attention to the greatest asset we have and we only need to keep up the work to secure returns based on this expenditure far beyond the desire of the most avaricious. To illustrate: the Park to Park Highway Association at a recent meeting in Spokane reported ten thousand machines entering Spokane over the Yellowstone Highway with an average of four in a machine. Suppose these machines were gathered together in Spokane in one day. You know what it costs you to travel. Take this amount and multiply it by 40,000 and look at the total and this is the way this new money that costs practically nothing to get flows in a steady stream into our lay. House Bill 76 calls for another appropriation to cover the coming two years, for the same amount asked for two years ago, and dependent upon Washington and British Columbia following with the same amount they gave previously. No appropriation has secured more for Oregon or been better administered. The work is under the constant attention of some of our leading business men who gave their time free of charge and pay their own expenses when attending the meetings of the Board of Directors.

The state revenues are used to develop every other asset, either by maintaining departments, enforcement of laws, maintaining institutions, and the building of roads and bridges and the simplest way to increase these revenues is by a development more potent than any that has gone before which will result in the

coming here of thousands of men and women who will see us as we are, and who will in a large measure either remain permanently or leave their money for investments.

### An Allied Uniform.

In a vaudeville theater at one of the French ports there was a comedian who had an act which he called "Le Nouvel Uniforme." He wore a French steel helmet topped with the cock feathers of the Italians. His coat and breeches were of khaki. About his waist was slung a Scotch sporran. He wore golf stockings. The top of one was the pattern of the French flag and the other of the American flag. And he sang a song about the beach at Waikiki—a Frenchman's interpretation of an American idea of Hawaiian harmony! Certainly nothing could have been more alliterative—Roy S. Durrine, in Scribner's Magazine.

### No Co-Operation.

"I always try to make the best of a bad situation," remarked Mr. Glibbery.

"What do you do when your water pipes freeze and then burst?"

"Oh, I sing a little song just to show that I'm not worrying."

"That's highly commendable."

"But when the water begins to leak on the people who occupy the flat beneath mine to save my life I can't persuade them to join me in singing."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

### Made-at-Home Labor-Saving Devices.

In 11 communities of our country in Oregon the women are making home-made driers, home-made fireless cookers, and home-made iceless refrigerators under the direction of the home demonstration agent. In connection with this project one woman found that an investment of 50 cents in a dish drainer and a wire dishcloth for pots and pans saved her ten minutes of the time required to do the dishes after each meal, or 30 minutes a day. In a year she figured this time, if accumulated, would give two weeks, of 12 hours a day, leisure. "Was the investment worth while?"

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