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**LUSITANIA'S LESSON**

In the sinking of the Lusitania the world has brought home to it what war today actually means.

People of this nation have failed to realize the desperate ends to which the warring nations are driven. The verdict of the coroners jury was that of wilful murder, which was of course correct. A like jury might truthfully too, bring the same verdict in regard to the millions of other lives that have been taken in this titanic conflict of the so called civilized world.

Stripped of its gold braid and brass bands, war is wholesale murder, and in most instances if not all could and should be prevented. The sinking of this magnificent vessel, which in itself was a monument to mankind, might easily have been excused as an act that one nation which is committing deeds of violence each day might do against another which is equally guilty, but it is a deed that none of the nations involved would attempt to excuse were they not all drunk on human blood.

It is but one of a series of unpardonable crimes that have been and will continue to be committed until this war and all others are stopped. When Sherman said that war is hell, it was before the day of the submarine and the air craft.

"Civilized warfare" is so much worse than hell that the valley of brimstone might become popular as a place for Sunday school picnics by comparison.

**IN PRINEVILLE TOO**

In a campaign that is being waged by the newspapers of Hood River to induce people to buy at home one of them says: "Some of us Hood River people get up at the alarm of a Connecticut clock, button our Chicago suspenders to our Philadelphia pants, wash our faces with Cincinnati soap in a Pennsylvania basin, sit down to a Grand Rapids table, eat Nebraska bacon and Chinese eggs, spread our toast with Australian butter, or eat our rolls made of Wisconsin flour and Kansas lard, walk out of a house plastered with a Scotch mortgage, do business with money borrowed from the East, advertise with printed matter produced in Portland, traverse streets bonded by New York capitalists, at bedtime we read a verse from a Boston bible, say a prayer composed in Jerusalem, crawl under a New Jersey blanket, and are kept awake by the yeowling of a Hood River cat, the only home product in the entire layout."

**PRESIDENT WILSON**

During the recent trouble in connection with the sinking of the Lusitania, the masses of the people have displayed wonderful composure, which is a demonstration of their faith in the ability of President Wilson. The press of the nation has indorsed his policy, regardless of politics, and will stand solidly behind him for they have found that he is perhaps the ablest man who has occupied the president's chair. Being president at this age is truly a big job, and Mr. Wilson's conduct has proven him to be qualified for the position. He deserves and will receive the undying gratitude of all loyal Americans.

**GOOD ROADS DAY**

May 20 has been set apart by Governor Withycombe as Good Roads Day for Oregon. In issuing the proclamation the Governor said: "Believing that good roads are one of the prime foundations upon which our prosperity is builded, and firmly convinced that road improvement is the wisest investment that Oregon can make, I take pleasure in issuing this proclamation."

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**BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON**

More than 500 people attended the community meeting held at Seio Saturday.

A commercial club was launched at Creswell at a meeting of business men and farmers.

The board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural college have decided on a policy of strict economy.

The heavy rains of the past week have seriously affected the cherry and pear crop of the Hood River valley.

A free museum, library and lecture hall will be erected in Albany by Dr. J. L. Hill, a prominent pioneer physician.

Preparations are under way at McMinnville for the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic which is to be held there June 14-16.

All arrangements are now complete for the state convention of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, to be held in Portland April 15 and 16.

The contract for the construction of the proposed \$50,000 Elks Temple at Klamath Falls was awarded to Le Doux & Le Doux, Portland contractors.

The annual sheep shearing at Arlington is now in full swing, with about 15,000 sheep in town and 40,000 at the large Smythe Bros. plant near there. There will be probably 500,000 pounds of wool marketed through Arlington during the month.

Former Mayor E. E. Straw of Marshfield was presented by a number of citizens of that city with a handsome new house which was built for him. The gift was in appreciation of Straw's services for eight years while he was mayor of Marshfield.

The first of the southern wool clip is now on the road to Bend and shipments will continue for several weeks. Altogether about 400,000 pounds are expected, of which half will come from Crook county and half from Silver Lake and other neighboring points.

That interest is being evinced by settlers with relation to lands embraced in the Tumalo irrigation project, is evidenced by the receipt of 76 letters within the last few days by the state engineer asking for information. They have all been forwarded to F. N. Wallace, manager of the project.

Governor Withycombe announced he had appointed C. E. Spence of Oregon City to succeed M. L. Jones of Labish Meadows, who recently resigned as a member of the insurance code commission, created by the last legislature to investigate insurance laws and report desirable changes to the next legislature.

During the closed season for salmon or steelheads, persons catching salmon with a hook and line, which is allowed, must have the fish tagged or the fish may be used as prima facie evidence of violation of the fishing laws, according to notice being sent out by State Game Warden William L. Finley.

Pursuant to recommendations made by the state parole board at its last meeting, Governor Withycombe has granted paroles to Charles A. Kelly and George Burke. The former was serving a term in the penitentiary from Umatilla county, and the latter for larceny in a dwelling committed in Wasco county.

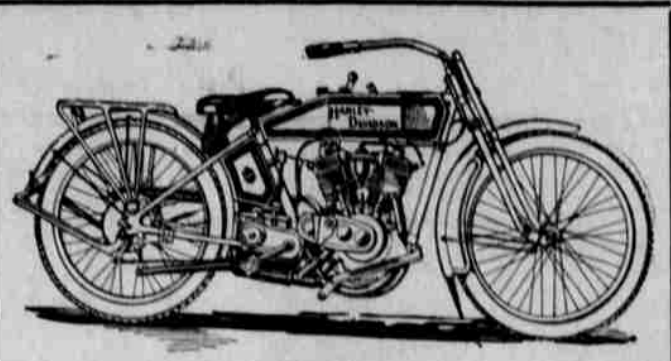
Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells has secured an opinion to the effect that mutual insurance companies must return unearned premiums to policy holders when the policies are cancelled. Some of the mutuals had claimed that they could adopt bylaws making it possible to refuse to return unearned premiums.

That employers and employees under the workmen's compensation law may be relieved of assessments one month or more this year because of the new classifications and schedules provided in amendments passed at the recent session of the legislature was an announcement made by the state industrial accident commission.

Forty-nine accidents, two fatal, were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week. Sam Evans was killed near Marshfield in a logging accident and John Butterworth was killed while employed on the railroad section at Prescott. Twenty of the accidents occurred in work on railroads and 29 in logging and in lumbering occupations.

The importance of an efficient forest patrol system in Oregon is emphasized by a map of the timber lands of the state, completed by State Forester Elliott, which shows that fire has destroyed about five times as much timber as has been marketed. It also emphasizes the fact that the timber industry of the state is in its infancy, and that for many years it will yield millions of dollars annually.

Determined that every precaution shall be taken to curtail the danger of rabid dogs in Union county, city officials and county authorities are striving to get every dog in the county muzzled. The city commission of La Grande has passed a measure, that compels owners to muzzle all dogs, but also provides that any person can kill an unmuzzled dog; furthermore, that it is a misdemeanor for anyone to interfere with anyone shooting or otherwise killing a dog that is not properly muzzled.



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