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This I. W. W. business has got to stop. We've had enough of it. We're at war with a great power, and every man, loyal action and ounce of grub is needed to make us strong against a mighty foe. So the I. W. W.'s had better keep the law. If they don't, something is liable to happen. With our boys at the front we don't propose to take any wounds in the back, says the Vancouver Sun.

It has now become evident to nearly every one that officialdom was barking up the wrong tree when it sought to muzzle the newspapers of the United States. Since the beginning of our war with Germany, the newspapers of the country have loyally suppressed items that might have been of value to the enemy, but in spite of this voluntary self censorship of the press, news of military and naval importance continues to reach Germany from this country. — Idaho Statesman.

Business interests throughout the state are just now turning much of their attention toward seeing that labor troubles are held to minimum while the country is passing through the present war. Millions of dollars for investment are pouring into the state, dozens of new industries are being started and more are sure to follow. There will be work, and is today, for every man who wants to work and the wages are the highest ever paid in the history of the state, it is said.

East St. Louis is said to desire now the return of the negro workers, driven out as a result of recent awful riots. The industrial life of the city is said to have been crippled because of the disappearance of the blacks. In view of what has occurred there, East St. Louis will be compelled to secure another kind of labor than the negro. The riots there were not only a disgrace for the city, but a blot on the nation itself. — Ex.

Having been voted down twice, the State Grange of Oregon again takes up the proposition of abolishing the State Senate. Why just the Senate? Why not the House? Why not both houses of the Legislature? Why not all county and state offices, and let crowds of people meet at the court house or the state capitol and do business right? Just why the Grange leaders have any ill feeling toward the State Senate is difficult to understand. It would show more earnestness, and less political spleen to abolish the entire Legislature since the people can initiate and referend laws. If we are to have radicalism, let's have it good and strong, says the McMinnville News.

It will be gratifying to many of our people to note that the St. Johns Chautauqua is assured for next year. The high class entertainment provided this year was enjoyed by those in attendance. While some of the entertainments did not greatly interest all at the same time, yet there was in the seven day program much of interest to every patron. All of it was clean, wholesome, enlightening and entertaining. The feature about the Chautauqua that is most appealing is the bringing of the best talent obtainable to our very doors, making it unnecessary to go elsewhere to secure like entertainments. The only objection heard was that Chautauquas take money out of the town. This is true, but it is money well spent. Education always takes money out of town. St. Johns spends thousands and thousands of dollars that goes out of town every year on education. Few of the school instructors reside here and their salaries are spent elsewhere. Chautauquas are of an educational nature. They diffuse much valuable information besides providing entertainment and diversion that is so essential to the well being of a community. It has been said that entertainments as pleasing to some may be seen occasionally in Portland for 25 cents. While this may be true in regard to one or two of the attractions it is also equally true that when one takes in a two-bit entertainment in Portland he or she generally manages to leave one or two dollars or even more in Portland before returning. Many in fact, in attending one low priced show in Portland, take more money out of the town than the price of a season ticket to the seven-day entertainment here. So the objection on the score of taking money out of town has but little force.

More tenant houses in St. Johns is the crying need of the hour. It is practically impossible to rent a house here that is in the least modern. Many are forced to go to Portland proper to reside when they would much rather live here. But there is little relief in sight. Capital is slow to take advantage of the opportunity, and the increase in population is being retarded through lack of suitable habitation. An apartment house would prove a profitable investment, as there is an incessant demand for housekeeping rooms and the supply has long since become exhausted. Let capital get busy and relieve the situation.

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The one industry responsible for a large share of the prosperity of the west is shipbuilding. The war has shown the impossibility of operating an American merchant marine under present laws, and it is to be hoped that the drawbacks will be eliminated so that this industry may live after the war conditions cease.

Congressman McArthur and Sinnott, of Oregon, voted against the resolution to reform clerk hire abuses and by their votes helped perpetuate the iniquitous practice of paying salaries to clerks and janitors for committees that never meet, some of the salaries being duplications of those already drawn by Congressmen for their private secretaries. Congressman Hawley was recorded as "not voting" on the test roll call. — Oregon Voter.

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