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Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board went to Europe to procure an agreement of other nations to adopt the shipping laws of our country and adopt the American scale of wages. In 1914 figures were compiled by our government showing the cost of operating 3 ships of about same horse power and tonnage, to ascertain the relative expense at sea. The American vessel under our laws was compelled to carry 47 men with a payroll of \$3720 a month, the English ship carried 36 men and paid \$1398 a month, the Japanese ship 36 men, and paid \$777 a month. The requirements of the La Follette Seaman's act reduced American tonnage on the Pacific ocean to less than one per cent in 1914, and increased the tonnage of Japan from 26 to over fifty per cent. Before that law went into effect we had the same tonnage on the Pacific as Japan, but the La Follette bill reduced ships carrying our flag to a cypher and increased Japan one hundred per cent. The La Follette law provides the men shall have half their pay on reaching any port, and the effect has been to increase desertion and drunkenness and to leave American ships in foreign ports unmanned. Another provision of the law is that 75 per cent of the crew must be able to speak the language of the officers, and this works to favor foreigners for officers, an American will not work in the engine rooms or the steward's department especially in the tropics. Under the operations of this law the United States will not be able to man or operate its great fleet of vessels built during the war nor the other fleet of interned vessels taken from the Central Powers. The law requires that 65 per cent of the crew must be certified able seamen and belong to the Seaman's union and to enforce that provision would leave three fourths of our shipping idle as a painted ship on a painted ocean, to quote the Ancient Mariner. The La Follette act, instead of being called a measure to protect American seamen, should be termed an act to encourage shipping under foreign flags.—Pacific Coast Manufacturer.

St. Johns people have no need to worry in the least over conditions here. True it is that during this present period of reconstruction and uncertainty industrial conditions are not what they had been, and the future of the ship building business has not yet been determined, but the same is true, and in most cases in far greater measure, of other places. Besides the many industries we already possessed, during the war period the big ship plant, the large iron works at the foot of Richmond street, the Peninsula Brass Foundry, and several enlargements have been added to our industrial life. Besides the big new elevator system costing about three millions of dollars, which is a guarantee in itself of the stability and solidity of the St. Johns district, the latest announcement is the proposed placement of the million dollar dry dock of 12,500 capacity at the elevator site. This will also mean no doubt that a complete outfitting plant and machine shops will be added, as well as coal bunkers. So there is much to encourage. Conditions are no better elsewhere and certainly nowhere can prospects be found more promising than here when the great era of prosperity that must soon spread throughout the country arrives. St. Johns is better prepared than ever to participate in it. Business in general has just slowed down to take a deep breath, and a month or two more will, from all indications, find it launching out and humming to a greater degree than ever before.

Down with pessimism! The needs of the hour are vision and courage. American genius will master the problems of the present as it has those of the past. Neither our extraneous burdens abroad nor at home shall daunt us nor shall the threat of Bolshevism and the mob divert us from our true course. The reign of American reason, justice and liberty has been strengthened, not weakened, by our trials. Never has the heart of our people been so deeply stirred with a love of country, justice and humanity as it is today. Never, as a people, have we been so capable, so surely masters of ourselves and of our destinies as we are at this moment. Americans do not gain their view of the future by peering through the

"crack of doom." They know that the distractions and dangers of "putting our house in order" are but temporary. They look beyond and see the dawn of great days—days of peace, prosperity and progress. Americanism still stands for optimism.—Pocatello Tribune.

Siberia, that great lone land about which there is now so much discussion, is so vast that the imagination can hardly grasp its extent. A vague idea of its size may be gained from the statement that it is forty-five times as large as the British Isles, and contains nearly five million square miles. In all this enormous territory there is a population not exceeding that of the City of New York. There are hundreds of thousands of square miles that are entirely uninhabited. It is a land of mighty rivers, but the value of these rivers for purposes of navigation is greatly restricted, because most of them flow into the Arctic Ocean and throughout their lower courses are ice-bound for the greater part of the year. The great steppes of Siberia, now almost uncultivated, are destined, it is said, to become the granary of the world. Their development, begun with the opening of the Trans-Siberian railroad, has been interrupted by the war.

The entertainment given in the High School auditorium last Friday evening for the benefit of the Parents' Educational Bureau was quite a success, both from an entertainment standpoint and financially, about \$56 having been netted. The program was an interesting one and enjoyed by the large attendance. It was as follows: Juvenile Orchestra, High School quartet, Boy Scouts, Owaissa Camp-Fire Girls, reading by Mary Harris, violin solo by Melford Westler, accompanist, Miss Louise Lott; cartoonist, George Hufford; instrumental, Pangborn children; solo dance, Margaret Holbrook; solo, "My Lover He Comes on a Ski," Mrs. Gabriel Pullin, accompanist Miss Nettie Leona Foy; readings, Mrs. Geo. Hall; juvenile orchestra, Mrs. F. A. Rice, leader.

The committee wishes to express their thanks to every one who assisted on the program and to the public for the generous response which made the entertainment a financial success. Much credit is due the children for their helpfulness on the program and to the Camp-Fire girls, also the Boy Scouts for the sale of the tickets.

If some way you could arrange to live several lives There might be some sense In trying to live the present one The way others wish you to. But since this is the only one That you are certain about You must either live it your own way Or the way others demand; You must be yourself or somebody else. If you are criticized harshly for your methods, Moves and Manners, That shows you have made an impression And you can be well pleased with yourself Provided you know the others are wrong. Almost nobody can have sufficient knowledge Of the inner lives of others, Their motives, their ambitions, their trials, To warrant sitting in judgment. But since criticism is our favorite Indoor and outdoor sport It will continue While there are narrow minds And wagging tongues. The leopard cannot change his spots Nor the mourning dove his mourner.—Ex.

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Class Meeting

The Upstreamers class of the Evangelical church, their motto "We Pull Together," was exemplified when they met at the home of their teacher, Mrs. W. L. Montgomery, Saturday evening to organize and spend a social evening together. They were so delighted with their first business and social meeting that they wanted to meet very week. They sure had a very enjoyable evening. The boys were called together by their teacher, (I forgot to say it was a boys' class and any boy in St. Johns that does not belong to it is missing a great deal), and as she mapped out the future for them and their work, they became very enthusiastic and entered into the spirit of the meeting with so much pep, as the boys say, that it promises well for the future. The Supt. Mr. Ora Fagg was present and made a nice talk to the boys with regard to what they could do by all pulling together. Mr. T. J. Monahan made a short talk on class organization after which the following boys were selected for temporary officers until they had drafted and adopted a constitution and by-laws: President, Arthur Melton; vice president, Perry Bredeen; treasurer, Joe Ward; secretary, Dick Bredeeson; class recorder, Clinton Langway; assistant, Edward Wickman. The hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Eldora, Mrs. Boyse, Mrs. Bredeeson, and Mrs. T. J. Monahan, served a delightful lunch to which the boys, as well as some of the older ones done justice. Mr. Orion Place was also an invited guest, who, while older than some of the boys in the class, entered into the full enjoyment of the evening. The boys are looking forward for many more enjoyable times, and are going out to enlist their fellow boys to join the class, so they can claim the promise made by Mrs. Monahan, that when they outnumber the Sans Dieu Reins class she would present the class with a beautiful banner. They are out to pull together and win.—Reported.

Lt. Coughy, a New York architect, gave a talk on House Planning in connection with Community Planning at the Library Tuesday evening, and he brought out some new thoughts and suggestions. F. C. Knapp also made a most interesting talk, dealing to a large extent with conditions on the Peninsula. He depicted a great future for this locality and predicted that in a few years the Peninsula would contain a majority of the population of Portland. Mr. Knapp, who is president of the Peninsula Shipbuilding and Peninsula Lumber Companies, as well as vice president of the Peninsula National bank, gave full evidence that he had the interests of this part of Portland at heart, and his remarks were listened to with marked attention.

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Notice is hereby given of the death of R. W. McKeon, and that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of his estate by the County Judge of Multnomah County, Oregon, and has qualified. All persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are directed to present same to the undersigned, verified as required by law, at the office of her attorneys, Perkins & Bailey, 1117 Board of Trade Building, Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: Friday, March 21, 1919.
LOUISE A. RICE, Administratrix.
PERKINS & BAILEY, Attorneys for Administratrix.

Notice to Creditors
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah. In the matter of the Estate of William C. Williams, deceased.
Notice is hereby given of the death of William C. Williams and that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of his estate by the County Judge of Multnomah County, Oregon, and has qualified. All persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are directed to present the same to the undersigned, duly verified, as by law required, at the office of her attorneys, Perkins & Bailey, 1117 Board of Trade Building, Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: Friday, March 21, 1919.
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