

**CRIDGE HAS SOME GOOD IDEAS**

The most useless occupation in Oregon City. That is easy. The man who gives nothing for something is the most useless. Who is he? Let me in on the game. Say, have you got any receipt for that?

Don't all speak at once. The man who gives nothing for hard coin and plenty of it, is the man engaged in the vacant lot industry. Ever see a lot get up and sneak off in the night? What is it worth to "hold" it? All the traffic will bear. Correct: pass up head. So in any other "hold up."

When industry and capital combine to get the vacant lot holder out of the way so that buildings may go up, homes founded, or factories started up, the vacant lot owner "don't do nothing" but get out of the way. That is absolutely all he does. The highwayman does as much to help industry and to develop the natural resources as the vacant lot owner, so far as the vacant lot is concerned. Of course some industrious men hold vacant lots for a rise, and some very useful citizens do so; but the great handicap to develop is the vacant lot. It is the big stone in the road, the big stump in the garden, the ever growing wen on the neck of industry. Some men do nothing but "hold" vacant land from getting away from the renters of ambitious communities. They are the most useless and the most injurious, class of dead-heads that people have to carry on their weary backs.

The good people of Germany are fighting the good people of England, and so on around. When they all get tired and hungry enough they will quit about where they started. Then they will go to work for another generation to produce and build up. After that will there be another war about nobody knows what and for what nobody knows? Perhaps.

Perhaps with the Cello canal completed, the Panama canal made the highway of the world's commerce, and the Oregon City locks built, the railroads will be willing to sell out at 500 per cent to Uncle Sam. Even then it might pay to buy them.

Each of the great powers in Europe is trying to shift the blame for starting the war on the other side. Why not stop fighting and find out who started the rumpus?

More bonds for roads is not going to restore prosperity in Multnomah county when nine out of ten of the road workers on the Columbia highway now cannot speak the English language. The contractors will simply hire a few hundred floating laborers and the taxpayers and the small home owners will rustle themselves a job and pay the road bonds besides. However, the indications are that the Portland nuts will vote another million for good roads, scenic roads and PROSPERITY. It is a great word.

Law is made for lawyers, and lawyers make the laws. Judges help the lawyers and argue on each cause, with learned dissertations and carefully split hairs, with wondrous observations while the lawyers go in pairs. "You skin this nut, while I fling out the line." There goes a sucker! Quick with the bait! Don't let him tucker, make him pay and wait! Laws should be simply worded, and few. Arbitration quick, cases heard while new. Lawyers should never have office to hold; judges? no never; turn 'em down cold. A lawyer a judge, and more lawyers you'll pay! A lawyer a judge, and day after day the case will drag out and the lawyers will play. Put men on the bench with hard common sense; limit all cases as to time and expense; exclude all lawyers from talking at all! Let the judge ask the questions and witnesses call. The longer time taken the less should be paid; for ten laws repealed only one should be made. Let the lawyers hoe corn, cut wood or feed stock, their time and attention just now is to block the giving of justice to men in dispute, to get fees and expenses and drag out a suit.

In Oregon you can be a Republican and advocate anything, or anybody. Their are Republicans more radical than Eugene Debs, and others more conservative than Joe Cannon. The individual decides whether he is

**ECHOS FROM THE WAR**

**News Items From the Scene of the Great Conflict that are Unique**

The Courier doesn't pretend to compete with the big dailies in giving its readers telegraphic war news, but there is a lot of news from Europe that doesn't get into the big papers these days simply because it is of less importance than the telegraphic dispatches. The Courier herewith presents some of this less important, but no less interesting, news.

The British Admiralty has issued small medals, inscribed with the words "On War Service," which are given to artisans and craftsmen who are engaged in manufacturing supplies for the navy, or who may be doing any sort of labor that will place the British navy on a better fighting basis. These medals denote that while the wearer is not a soldier or a sailor, he is nevertheless engaged in some kind of work that is of service to the country in the war. These medals were issued to answer the popular appeal for some mark of service for men who were "fighting for the country" at home, and who wore no uniforms. The Army authorities are considering the issuing of similar medals or badges to mechanics and others who are engaged in manufacturing ammunition, guns, gun-carriages or other military equipment.

Posters in bold type, and illustrated with pictures of enemy and British aeroplanes and dirigibles, have been put up in all parts of England. The purpose of these is to familiarize British country folk with the appearance of friendly and foreign aircraft, so that the mere appearance of an aeroplane in the sky will not start a panic. Printed on the top of the poster is the following:

"Public Warning: The public are advised to familiarize themselves with the appearance of British and German aeroplanes so that they may not be alarmed by British aircraft and may take shelter if German aircraft appear. Should hostile aircraft be seen, take shelter immediately, in the nearest available house, preferably in the basement, and remain there until the aircraft have left the vicinity; do not stand about in crowds, and do not touch unexploded bombs."

From this it would appear that there is less concern about the threatened German air-raids of England than the British would have the rest of the world believe.

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**May Move North**

Frank Lischke, a prominent rancher living near Milwaukie, and formerly identified with many lines of industrial development in Alaska, is reported to be considering moving to Vancouver, B. C., where he has the opportunity to take control of one of the big daily papers. Mr. Lischke formerly managed a daily in Vancouver, after his return from Alaska.

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**UNIQUE BOOK OUT**

Cartoons of Last Legislature Ought to be in Every Voter's Home One of the best things that has

a Republican, or not, when the time for registration comes round and nobody can read him out of the party.

There are a bunch of politicians in this state of the Democratic stripe who consider applied Democratic principles as utterly foreign for consideration at any of the party gatherings. Most of them are Federal officers, past, present, or with hopes of office to come. Meanwhile the party vote is disappearing because there is no reason under heaven outside of Federal pay why a young man, or an old one, should join the party on registration day. There is absolutely no state question either of primary no state question, no state measure, or minor importance whatever to distinguish the Democratic party in Oregon from any other party. There is no state question either of primary no principle worth sacrificing for worth fighting for, that the Democratic party of Oregon endorses, proposes, announces or has a solitary word to say about. So fearful are the Democratic "leaders" (Federal office holders) that some issue might be started if a state conference be called, that absolutely no movement is being made in any way to propose, endorse or demand any Democratic application of Democratic principles to the great democracy of Oregon. "Sit tight, and hold fast to that job until the Republicans kick you from under at a national election." That is the Democratic platform of Oregon. "There can be no future for such a party, so far as Oregon is concerned.

been pulled in a long time is a book of cartoons on the members of the last legislature that has just been published by Murray Wade, one of the state's cleverest artists. Mr. Wade has caught the typical attitude and hobby of practically every man and woman who was at Salem during the late session, and the book presents a review of the more salient features of the session.

Clackamas county's representatives in both houses are shown prominently, and the cartoon of Chris Schuebel is one that would be recognized anywhere. Murray Wade's work has the special attraction of being funny, and of being good natured in its bantering at the same time. There is nothing to give offense in the book, even Gus Moser being reported as pleased with what Murray did to him. And Mr. Moser is quite sensitive about jokes.

Copies of the book may be ordered through The Courier office, if desired, or a dollar sent direct to Murray Wade at the Alma Hotel, Portland, will bring a book back by return mail.

**LIFE AND DEATH**

**We Must Realize We are Dead Before We Can Become Alive**

This thing we call by the name of life—this state of mortality in which we exist, is not life at all in the absolute sense. It is a state of sub-consciousness. I cannot explain here what sub-consciousness is. That is another lesson. But the first thing we have to learn if we are going to get rid of death, is that we are in it and that this sub-conscious state is really below the life line. Sub means below. Just as when we realize that we are asleep, we begin to wake up; so when we realize that we are dead, we begin to come to life.

It is hard to learn this. I spent many unhappy years wandering in the nightmare of mortality before I saw the light, and this in the face of the fact that I used to mumble a prayer every evening, beginning with the words "Lighten oh darkness we beseech thee, oh Lord."

Why did God give the commandment "Thou shalt not kill," and then command the Israelites to kill off the Canaanites? A disciple of Ingersoll asked this question through the Sunday Oregonian some years ago. No one answered it. I guess nobody could, but it started my inquisitiveness to work; I always like to ponder over problems that no one else can solve.

Not long afterwards Heney, in making a speech somewhere, let out the remark "You can't kill a man if he is dead," and I wondered greatly that someone had not thought of that sooner. It is easier to forget than to remember; otherwise we should be aware that the teaching of the Bible is that the mortal man, meaning the natural animal man, is by nature a dead one. The word mortal means that. The Canaanites were dead before the Israelites killed them. If they had been immortals they could not have been killed.

This is the teaching of the Bible, but somehow the words fall away from us like water from a duck's back. We repeat them over and over mechanically and do not realize that they mean what they say. I did not learn it from the Bible. I learned it from Heney and from a distinguished Republican senator of Kansas, John J. Ingalls.

Ingalls commenced one of his famous speeches with the words: "We are all under sentence of death. We are all condemned to die." And then he went on and proved that we are all criminals and convicts under condemnation of the law. He did not realize that what he said was true or he would have tried to start a revival in the United States' Senate, which is one of the dearest places on earth.

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is a word much used by Christian Scientists. It means to furnish convincing proof; and they are always trying to demonstrate this same truth, that we must ultimately learn, that God is life and that the mortal man without spiritual perception or discernment is practically dead.

In the book of Revelations we are told that the two witnesses lay dead for three days and a half (1260 years) in the streets of the great city called Sodom. The great city called Sodom means this world—this mortal state. It is more commonly called

Babylon, but Sodom is just as appropriate.

The two dead witnesses are the old and new testaments. These witnesses are dead because the people are dead and cannot realize that the testimony is true. When anyone gets awake spiritually then he can see that the Bible is true in a sense entirely different from the materialistic concept that now obtains in the mortal minds of those that go through the mechanical "services" that are fondly and falsely supposed to constitute worship.

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