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Just by way of impertinent inquiry, we would like to know this: Were you in love when you took unto yourself a wife? Ask yourself that question if you don't care to have the public prying into the secrets of your heart.

But, honestly, didn't you promise your sweetheart a life of everlasting bliss when you made her your wife? Didn't you picture pretty days of dreaming to her? At any rate we suggest to her that she couldn't do venture to wager that you didn't most anything with your mind, heart and spirit if she would accept the things you had to offer her. You didn't tell her that she couldn't be boss; that she couldn't carry the money-purse or that she couldn't command you at any time of day or night to button her shoes up the back.

The husband is built along the same general lines as is the kidnapper. He holds forth all the beauties of life as tokens of his love; he tempts in a dozen ways, and once he has the lady in his clutches there is very little argument—in most cases—who shall be master of the house.

We may be getting off the main idea with such remarks, but they were inspired recently when we went to the bank with a weekly pay check, which we seldom deposit. A happy looking lady, and in these perilous times so many women have unhappy looks, dropped her bank book. That is merely an incident, but it served to reveal the fact that a checking account in that family was mutual property. It revealed that the confidence between the husband and wife in that family was as a guiding star to the many unhappy souls adrift of matrimonial seas. It revealed an equality in the home that spells many things; the undivided respect of the children, the independence of the heads of the house and a double guard thrown about the family treasury. Between glances at the bank book we somehow saw written there on that wonderful word: Happiness.

Incidentally it occurred to us that the banking interests, in prosecuting their present nation-wide thrift campaign, have overlooked an item. It is a safe bet that the family treasury guarded by two heads and two hearts is larger than that controlled by the average man, who is the family boss, not only of the treasury, but of the household and the garden—all except the hoeing of it. Wife works for her interest in the affairs of married life. She puts in the finger-wearing licks that hold home and soul together, and just because the man brings in the cash is no sensible reason for his autocratic direction of its use. The banks would have larger accounts on their books if all accounts were in the name of Mr. and Mrs. All homes would know greater happiness if such confidence between Mister and Mistress found practical expression. Try carrying out some of the pledges you made in the happy days of courtship. It must pay if it brings no other result than a happy smile to the face of the good wife. Share with the wife the good things you pictured to her years ago.

AT SEA

Never before in its history has the republican party approached its nominating convention with so confused an idea of the issues it should put forward in the campaign.

The republican leaders, suddenly robbed of the historic issue of "hard times," which has been used against the democratic party even when the republicans themselves created such times, are now admittedly at sea with regard to the platform that should be adopted and the best methods to be used to destroy public confidence in President Wilson.

There are now two schools of political thought in the republican party, one holding that the best line of attack is to argue to the public that President Wilson's policies have been dangerous, leading the country near

to war, the other holding that it would be wiser to argue that he is a pacifist having refrained from plunging the nation into war.

One set of republican leaders voted to table the McLeary and Gore resolutions, which would have warned Americans off belligerent merchantmen; the other set voted against tabling and admitted that they favored the surrender of American rights.

One set argues that the president has gone too far with his program for national defense; the other says he has not gone far enough.

Probably the republican leaders are not to be blamed for their confusion. They find that the republican, independent and democratic press of the country is unanimously in favor of President Wilson's foreign policy and his handling of the Mexican situation. They find that the business men of the country are in favor of President Wilson's tariff commission bill. They find that the country is more harmonious today, and less troubled by partisanship than ever before in its history.

The more than three years of President Wilson's administration have been epoch-making. History has been in the making throughout the world. There was danger that civilization itself might be uprooted. America's part, at home and abroad, has been well played. The spirit of patriotism and nationalism has replaced in the United States the spirit of partisanship and narrowness.

As the people of the United States look back upon the past three years, with its financial, industrial and military dangers, recalling the way President Wilson guided the nation safely through the many dangers encountered in the world upheaval; as the people turn then and view the constructive possibilities of the future under such a leader, they are not likely to be distracted by the confused clamor raised by politicians anxious merely to be restored to power, without having rendered the service that brings such recognition.

AMERICANISM

An enthusiastic republican who suggested this week, in a letter to an eastern paper, that in this period of stress and storm the Republican party could best show its patriotism by refusing to put out a presidential candidate, expressed a sentiment which is gaining strength every day. The policy of a broad and single-hearted Americanism which, peculiarly in this time of peril, should override petty considerations of partisanship, is finding vigorous expression throughout the country. It is based primarily upon the combined firmness and cool-headedness with which the president has upheld the peace and honor of the United States. In a minor sense it is founded on the proverbial wisdom of changing pilots in the midst of the hurricane.

The voluntary tribute which that veteran republican, former Senator George C. Perkins, of California, paid last week to President Wilson on "the splendid administration" which had won the "admiration and respect" of the people was one of the most remarkable evidences of this new spirit of non-partisan Americanism. It was the personal tribute of a man of ripe statesmanship, who rose above the narrow considerations of party lines to commend a great American's services to America. The number of republicans who are voicing the same general view in letters to the newspapers is perhaps without precedent in the history of the country.

That this lofty altruism is not misplaced is indicated by the high tone of the president's speech before the National Press club at Washington on Monday night, when he said that as a result of the ordeal through which he had passed in the anxious hours of our international relations: "If I may believe my own thoughts I have less partisan feeling, more impatience of party maneuver, more enthusiasm for the right thing, no

matter whom it hurts, than I ever had before in my life."

The truth is that the stupendous cataclysm which has engulfed the Old World has developed in the people of the United States a finer strain of patriotism, a passionate determination to uphold American institutions, peaceably, if possible, but at all costs to uphold them, and happily they realize that in President Wilson they have a national leader who shares their devotion to peace and universal brotherhood, but who in the matter of essentials "would not flatter Neptune for his trident, nor Jupiter for the power to thunder."

BRANDEIS

Just why is the nomination of Louis Brandeis as a justice in the United States supreme court not confirmed after so long a discussion in the senate? In answer to this question there are hundreds of shoddy reasons advanced by those opposed to the man because of his principles, because of race prejudice or just out of common, ordinary jealousy.

Dr. Frank Crane, in a New York Globe editorial, sums up the situation in brief, at the same time paying a tribute to Woodrow Wilson's nomination. Dr. Crane says:

"Brandeis is not a blatherskite. He is not even poor. He is not against everything on general principles. He does not wear a sport shirt and long hair. He is a gentleman. He is a lawyer who has handled and is handling large interests. His voice is low and his tastes are literary."

"But he got himself disliked by a group of wealthy and imposing gentlemen, who consider themselves the Swiss Guards of Vested interests. They have put him down as a deserter from his class. They regard him as the Judas Iscariot of their number."

"Senator Cummins and Mr. Taft oppose him because of their legal conscience; the Boston magnates oppose him because of their class conscience; President Lowell opposes him because of his endowment conscience; while all Brandeis appears to have is just a plain, ordinary conscience."

"Never before in the history of the United States has an issue like this confronted the senate. The decision is going to be historic."

"The people already have a warm suspicion that the supreme bench is for lawyers who are 'safe,' in the sense of feeling the power of property, of the ethics of the legal game, and of the importance of not disturbing the grand moguls of high finance; this suspicion may be wrong, it may have been fomented by irresponsible radicals; maybe; but even so, the said suspicion will not be cooled down considerably if the august senate decides that a man who holds that plain honesty and loyalty to the public welfare are of more value than the sporting rules of the legal game is not fit to be a judge in our highest court."

JIM HILL

An old school in the financial world is cashing the checks of its life and is passing into a world where finance is as foreign as is the inquiry of the newer schools that are springing up in the world.

"Jim" Hill, empire builder, and most deserving of that honorable title among the many upon whom it has been bestowed, departed this life on Monday. His life is a lesson, as are the other fast fleeing lives of Hill's generation. He was a wonderful man. Most of us who put in nine years of drudgery in one office and at the same tasks would picture the end of hope before the end of the nine years had arrived, and with the picture would give up hope's last faint ray. But Jim Hill did not do that, and for that reason the nation, if not the world, mourns today the death of the empire builder. Mr. Hill labored onward, hope always before him, and he died with a fortune estimated at more than a quarter of a billion dollars.

By perseverance and hard work he climbed to the top of the ladder of success and fortune and from his lofty position was always man enough to reach down to help the other fellow. Hill was a great friend of the great northwest. He centered much of his interest and a great deal of his wealth in this country, and it is little wonder that his death is a sad shock to the millions who respected him in life and who honor him in death. Hill's generation is rapidly thinning out. Less worthy lives are taking the vacant places and more meanness and corruption is constantly creeping in. It is said that such men as "Jim" Hill, empire builder, are not immortal.

MORTGAGE BANKS

The banking committee of the house of representatives at Washington has perfected a bill to establish twelve land mortgage banks—regional banks, scattered about the country, after the manner of the federal reserve organization. They are to make loans on land through farm loan associations, and the federal government is to furnish part of the capital, says a farm paper.

It is not necessary now to go into details of the plan, for it is doubtful if congress will act on it this session. But it should be said that this isn't the kind of rural credit system the country most needs. The rural finance problem is not to get money on good land security alone; it is to get it on personal credit too, for the purpose of developing the land. The land-mortgage measures that have been devised all miss this point. They are trying to remedy an evil that largely doesn't exist, and they make no effort to remedy one that is very serious in all parts of the country.

This country needs a system such as has been highly developed in France, Germany, Denmark, Italy and Austria, for getting cheap money by aggregating together the personal credit and responsibility of farming communities. The plan has accom-

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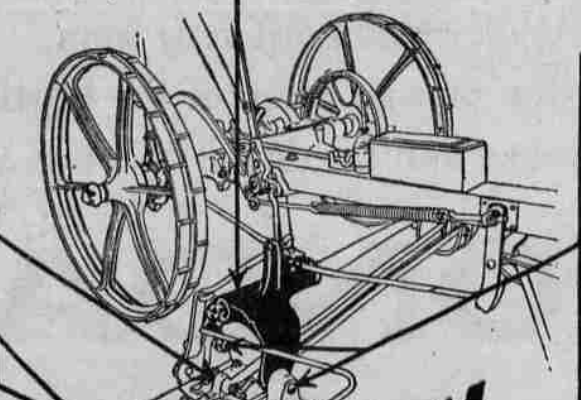
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plished marvels for European agriculture. It would accomplish them here, especially in the south and in those parts of the west where interest rates are excessive on this kind of business. Land banks might help, would help, in some sections—but facilities for using personal credit at reasonable rates are far more needed.

If the republicans come back, the progressives must go back—queer progress!

The republicans are in a position similar to that of a physician who condemns the course of treatment that has made the patient well.

It must have impressed itself upon the minds of republican leaders by this time that issues in campaign are not made from men's minds; issues are shaped by events.

Prosperity, wages, commerce, industrial expansion, international law—all are aboard the democratic band wagon, which bears the label—"America first, last, and always." Seating capacity is ample for republicans.

Grain and grain products of the American farm account for \$867,250,000 of our exports during the first 20 months of war; which equals two and one-half times the exports of explosives. The farm is the first asset in every preparedness program.

Total exports of manufactures, not including foodstuffs, during 20 months of war reach \$2,850,000,000, of which only one-eighth consisted of explosives and fire-arms. Stock market editors are inclined to overlook the fact that one-eighth is smaller than seven-eighths.

In 20 months of the new democratic tariff, ending March 31, 1916, the balance of trade in favor of the United States in its world commerce exceeds \$2,936,000,000, as compared with less than half that, or \$1,403,000,000, during the last 20 months of the republican tariff. Who wants to abolish this career of prosperity by a return to old conditions?

With the republican national convention at hand, no man can say who will be the republican nominee or what will be the republican platform. The G. O. P. is manifestly up against it. Its bosses want a man strong enough and a platform good enough "to beat Wilson." That is their only thought. To provide a leader fit to guide the nation through these troublesome times, to announce a policy that will interpret the American thought of the day—such things do not occur to them. All they think about is how to get back into power.

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MILITIA TO BE PAID

Captain Blanchard Receives Advice as to Militia Pay Bill

The benefit of the recently enacted militia pay bill, by which the national guards of the several states is not only federalized to a great extent, but is paid for its service, has been heralded to Company G, Oregon National Guard, of Oregon City.

Captain E. L. Blanchard received a communication from headquarters of the Third infantry late last week advising him that the militia pay bill is to go into effect at once and that privates in the ranks of the militia companies will be paid at the rate of one-third of the amount received by regular army privates, which is \$15 a month. This will make the pay of

a militiaman \$5 a month, or practically \$1.85 for each drill session. During encampment periods the militiaman's pay will be the same as that of members of the regular army. The captain of a company is to be paid at the rate of \$500 annually under the provisions of the militia pay bill.

Congress has been working for several years to create a pay scale for citizen soldiers and in the plans the Oregon congressional representation has had an important part. As head of the military affairs committee in the senate George Chamberlain has had a great deal to do with the passing of the bill that will bring remuneration to the members of the guard. With patriotism as an inspiration and good pay as an inducement the militia companies in the state expect little trouble in keeping the ranks filled with men.

Ryan is Trustee
Thomas F. Ryan, of Oregon City was elected a trustee of the Odd Fellows' home at the state convention of the I. O. O. F. held at Roseburg last week.

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MRS. EVANS ELECTED
Woman's Club Advances Next Meeting One Day

At the last meeting of the Oregon City Woman's club, held last Thursday afternoon, Mrs. C. W. Evans was re-elected president of the organization. Mrs. C. F. Romig is vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Downey, second vice-

president, Miss Alma Moore, re-elected secretary and Mrs. C. A. Nash, treasurer. The members voted to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, June 7, rather than on the following day, which is the regular time for the meeting. This action was taken to allow the members to visit the Portland Rose Festival on Thursday.

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2 P. M.

Thursday, June 8th
Annual Floral Pageant at 2 P. M.

Friday, June 9th
Military, Fraternal and Civic Pageant 10 A. M.
Chinese Baby Show and Parade 3:30 P. M.
Costume Parade, Mardi Gras features in evening.
Many other attractions not mentioned above.

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