

THE PESSIMIST

(By A. H. Perryman.)
The modern Socialist is usually a pessimist. But he is not the only pessimist.
Noted individuals often appear in our midst clamoring to the people. Friends, lend me your ears.
It is Captain Jack, who led the particular squad that smashed the Hindenburg line. Or Two Fingered Bob, who coined the famous French expression, "You shall not pass."

They have secured markets for their products, thus securing good money with which to pay their indemnity debts. They can use their own fiat for local exchange.
Germany appears to be the only country that is sure that the war is over.
We must get rid of that idea of independence and isolation. No nation can be wholly independent in a commercial sense.
We must scrap suspicion and vengeance. We must not weaken our culture by dropping the study of French, German or any other language.

Local News

Mrs. Fred Peckover, who has been quite ill for the past ten days, is improved enough to be able to resume her position with the J. C. Penny Co.
Mrs. Otto Peters and little daughter Marjorie Ceraldine, who have been at the Oregon City hospital, where the little girl was born returned to their home at Stafford Friday.
Virginia May is the name given to the little lady that arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Menke, of 801 Van Buren street on Wednesday, Jan. 25. She weighed 7 1/2 pounds.

proving.
The entertainment given at the Presbyterian church Wednesday by the Men's Bible class, was a most enjoyable affair. The evening was spent in charades, a hunting expedition in which Frank Schoenborn won the prize for being the best hunter.
A conversational contest in which some of the men out talked the ladies, and other stunts which kept the guests busy every minute of the evening. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served by the men. "Beautiful Oregon Rose" was sung by Mrs. Schoenborn accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Beattie, and the audience joined on the chorus. Mrs. C. Schuebel was chairman of the evening.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Weekly Record of Property Changes Compiled From County Recorder's Office. List Includes Transfers up to Each Wednesday.
Strah J. Solomon to W. Wells, East 1/2 of lots 1-2, Blk. 16, Milwaukie.
W. and Blanche Wells to First State Bank of Milwaukie, East 1/2 of lots 1 and 2, Blk. 16, Milwaukie.
Thos. H. and Flora E. Blencoe to Sylvester and Mary H. Barnes, Part of lot 17, Gibson's Subdivision of J. A. Logan Tract.
B. L. and Edith K. McBain to Nellie V. Markley, Lot 15, Blk. 51, Gladstone.
Frank and Pearl M. McAnulty to Agnes M. and O. E. Freytag, Lot 13, Blk. 24, Gladstone, Ore.
Wm. Relta Ruomich to Rose E. Pope, Lot 4, Blk. 123, Oregon City.
A. F. and Alma Will to Jennie G. and J. W. Bush, Lot 16, Blk. 28, O. I. S. Co's 1st Add. to Oswego.
Joy J. Anderson to E. F. and Aledo Wiseman, Sec. 21, 3.
United States to Edward R. Sinschreiber, Sec. 31 - 2 - 5.
Wm. E. and Mattie L. Linn to Mabel and M. Perry Anderson, Lots 7 and 8, Blk. 11, Zorrist Add. to Estacada.
F. C. and Addie M. Marshall to W. O. Stuart, Part of Lot 16, 1st Subdiv. of portion of Oak Grove.
J. A. and Frieda M. Giger to Annie Jurneck, Tracts 15 - 16 - 17, Canby Gardens.

THE JAPANESE MAKE BIG AUTOMOBILE RULES

The following copy of Japanese rules for autoists was sent to Supt. R. W. Kirk from Korea by Miss Marie Church, a Methodist missionary. Miss Church has many friends in Oregon City, having spent some time at the Kirk home last September when home on a furlough.
1. At the rise of the hand of the policeman stop rapidly. Do not pass him or otherwise disrespect him.
2. When a passenger of the feet have in sight, toots the horn trumpet to him melodiously at first. If he still obstructs your passage toot with vigor and express by word of mouth this warning: HI! HI!
3. Beware of the wandering horse that he shall not take fright as you pass him. Do not explosion the exhaust for him.
4. Go soothingly by or step by the road side till he passes away.
5. Give big space to the festive dog that make sport in the road way. Avoid entanglement of dog with your wheel spokes.
6. Go soothingly on the grease, mud, as there lurk the skid demon—Beware!
7. Press the brake of the foot as you roll around the corner to save collapse or lie up.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Existing Conditions.
The existing conditions at the time of this survey are much improved over what they were at the time of the former survey.
Housekeeping conditions are found to be improved; basements and back yards mostly free from rubbish and inflammable material; less dangerous gasoline storage and much improvement in electrical wiring.
In addition to the improvement above mentioned, substantial improvement has been made in the fire department and substantial addition has been made to the fire fighting equipment.
Public sentiment and the attitude of the city council and mayor are more favorable to fire prevention and fire protection than formerly.
Summary of Inspections.
32, Detective wiring; 64, rubbish and trash; 15, floors and walls unprotected from stoves; 5, exposed and unprotected openings; 7, number of metal cans for oily waste ordered; 1, gasoline kept in unsafe manner; 12, defective pipes, stoves or flues; 4, ashes in wooden receptacles; 4, number of drip pans for waste oil ordered; 9, without proper fire escapes; 3, without proper fire exit signs and lights; 81, chimneys found on brackets; 5, places where smoking was permitted; 110, fire extinguishers ordered; 3, metal cans for ashes ordered; 6, places where sand was ordered; 4, exit latches ordered; 3, buildings should be razed.
Water System.
The water system and source of supply is the same, no improvement having been made since the former survey.
Fire Department and Equipment.
The fire department has been greatly improved. It has been converted from a purely volunteer organization to a paid department with a paid chief and two paid engineers. The chief is active in inspection work and is accomplishing good results.
A list of the fire fighting equipment is as follows:
1 American La France triple combination truck, 1700 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose, 300 feet of 1 1/2 inch hose; 4 play pipes, 1 ladder truck with 45 foot extension ladder, 24 foot ladder, 20 foot ladder, 16 foot ladder, 12 foot ladder, 2 crowbars, 4 axes, 1 wire cutter, 7 wire poles, 2 Babcock extinguishers, 1 chemical engine (hand), 6 hand hose carts as follows: one at North Main with 500 feet or 2 1/2 inch hose and two play pipes; one at South Main with 250 feet or 2 1/2 inch hose and two play pipes; one at South Main with 400 feet 2 1/2 inch hose and two play pipes; one at Falls View with 500 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose and two play pipes; two extra hose carts at city hall, one hose cart on plank road with 400 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose and two play pipes, one fire bell, with Gamewell fire alarm system; 138 hydrants distributed throughout the city.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY GROWS WORLD'S BEST WALNUTS

Franquette walnuts grown in the Willamette valley are the cream of perfection. They are unequalled by those from any other section.
This year's crop, handled through the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association, brought from one to two cents a pound more than California nuts of the same grade on account of their superior excellence. And they went to Oregon buyers, too.
It wasn't that eastern buyers did not want them, but because the western buyers were more familiar with the Oregon quality and got the jump on them.
One large New York broker who received a sample, said: "They are the finest walnuts we have ever seen either in this country, in Europe or in the world. Sorry you are not in a position to send us five or six cars."
Another broker who is so desirous of securing some of the nuts that he has already placed his order with the association for the first car of the 1922 crop and calls are coming from all sides. England is asking for a substantial tonnage.
The outlook is most encouraging to the walnut growers of the Willamette valley and they may feel that there is a good outlet for their crop even with greatly increased acreage and yield. Walnut growing promises to become one of the leading horticultural industries of the state.

Pope Benedict XV PASSES AT ROME

News of the death of the head of the Catholic church, Benedict XV, was heralded from the Vatican at Rome via Paris and London to the United States on Sunday morning.
The Pope's illness which resulted in his death was pneumonia contracted while he was celebrating mass a short time ago. The end came while all Rome was in a fever of excitement, hoping, praying for a further extension of the Pontiff's life.
Benedict XV, was born in Italy of noble parentage a little over a period of 67 years ago. He was educated for the priesthood at Capranica college and the Academy of Ecclesiastics; was ordained in 1878; raised to the office of cardinal in 1914 and six months later was made the supreme head of the Catholic church.
His attitude toward the world war was aversion and he tried in vain to bring about peace, making his first plea to this end only one week after his coronation. In 1917 in his own hand he made a written appeal to the belligerent rulers of Europe to end the struggle thereon.
In the conduct of his office Benedict will be remembered, no doubt, as the most progressive of the popes. St. Joseph and Jesus were the ideals he emphasized in teaching loyal home life and the dignity of labor.

British Premier Wants No More War

Premier Lloyd George declared there can be no permanent peace unless there is an understanding followed by reductions in armament. He

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4 Styles at \$2.95 One Big Selection 4 Styles at \$2.95
Women's and Misses mahogany Brogue Boots, of Brown calf with low rubber tipped heel, a \$6.50 shoe.
Women's Black Calf, low heel, walking Boot; medium toe, a fine grade shoe that sold for \$8.50 regularly.
Women's fine Quality Brown kid, dress shoe with military heel. A wonderful shoe that sold formerly for \$10.00.
Here is wonderful value—an unheard of offering. Women's 9 inch Black kid boot; full Louis heel. Fine construction throughout. A shoe we sold for \$12.00, now to go at \$2.95.
\$3.95 3 Styles at \$3.95 \$4.95 3 Styles at \$4.95
Growing Girls heavy brown calfskin shoe, just the thing for school and hard wear. Good sensible heel. A regular \$6.50 shoe. Some value.
Women's brown calfskin brogue boot, medium toe and low English heel with outside vamp straps. Good looking, formerly priced at \$7.50.
A very pretty shoe that formerly sold for \$12.00 is this Brown Kid, military heel boot. Dressy and serviceable.
Wonderful Values
Men's and Women's Bath Slippers, 49¢
Many Colors, Reg. 85¢ value for
\$5.95 2 Styles at \$5.95 \$6.95 One Style at \$6.95
Brown calfskin dress shoes, military heel. A fine shoe that sold formerly at \$9.50.
Brown and Black finest quality kid shoe; Full Louis heel, newest last. A \$13.50 shoe, now at \$5.95.
\$1.19 Felt Slippers \$1.19
Your choice of any felt slipper in the stock at this one price. For men, women and children, many styles and colors, but not every size in each. Sold as high as \$2.50.
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Heavy shoes for the man who works. Made to wear. Come in several styles that sold as high as \$2.85.
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Esther Buley vs. Avon Buley, divorce, cause of action is cruel and inhuman treatment. Custody of minor child and \$30.00 a month alimony ask by plaintiff.

Annie Bagdan vs. Frank Bodgen, divorce, cruel and inhuman treatment cause of action. Property rights mutually divided out of court.

Melissa J. Bolton vs. George Bolton, divorce; Married in Oregon City, 1883. Plaintiff alleges that her husband deserted her 20 years ago and she has never seen or heard from him since. Which reminds us of the old axiom, "better late than never."

O. C. H. S. Trims Vancouver

In a series of hard fought bouts Wednesday night the local boys scored a clean sweep over the Vancouver wrestlers. Although the visitors put up a game fight to the last, the Oregon City bunch won every bout either by falls or by decisions. A good crowd turned out to see the match.

Potato Growers—Attention!

Business Surgery.

Customer—This care is \$1100 now and a year ago you asked \$1800 for it. What's the idea?

Agent—Increased operations, sir. We cut off the overhead to put the business on its feet. Then we cut down the catalog; expense by removing the appendix. Finally we lopped off all the dead wood by firing the blockheads in the office force and there you are.—Wayside Tales.

LOCAL BUYING MARKET

CIRCUIT COURT ACTIONS

Wheat—\$1.05 per bushel.

Oats, feed—\$27.00 per ton; milling \$32.00 per ton.

Hay, clover—\$12.00 per ton; oat \$14 per ton.

Straw—\$9.00 per ton.

Beef, live weight—Steers 5 to 7c per lb, cows 3 1/2 to 6c per lb.

Hogs, dressed—12c per lb.

Chickens, live weight—light 15c, heavy 18 - 20c per lb.

Sheep, live weight—3 1/2 to 5c per lb.

Lambs, live weight—5 to 6c per lb.

Eggs—30c per doz.

Potatoes—\$1.25 per 100 lbs.

Hides—Calf 9c per lb; kip 5c per lb, others 9c a lb.

J. C. Elliott of Damascus has filed suit against N. Paulson to obtain judgment for \$145.20. This amount he claims is due on a plow and equipment he sold Paulson in September, 1920. In the same suit he is also asking for \$30.00 due him for the leasing of 43 acres of pasture land.

Committee Starts Work on New Charter

Work on the proposed new city charter was started last Friday evening when the committee named by the mayor met and organized for the task. William Andresen was elected chairman and C. Schuebel secretary. The council was asked to appoint six representative citizens from each of the wards to meet and advise with the committee, the ultimate desire being to enlarge the general committee and obtain a more complete expression from every portion of the city.
It has been suggested as a part of the procedure to hold public meetings at which those who are experienced and expert in city government will give information of the best and most workable plans of city government. Another meeting will be called soon to further progress.

MASS VS. INDIVIDUAL

Relying upon wholesale license instead of granting privileges upon individual merit is an old "gag" worked by those who thus take advantage of their shortcomings as well as by those who for some reason are willing "to pass the buck". It is also worked semi-occasionally by those who strike an attitude of extreme justice while they rejoice over the opportunity to make a ten strike for performance of duty. It is also sometimes accepted by those whose real honest-to-goodness conscience tells them its more or less "bunk" but who at the same time yield for the sake of "harmony." This same yielding to the "if one goes all should be granted the privilege or going" is characteristic of some social idols who crave the "how lovely" of everybody.
The teacher is tempted by the keen-witted small boy who upon being caught with "gum" boldly claims immunity from loss of his "cud" by the information that "There's a hundred other in this here school chewin' too" and it works, oftentimes, beautifully.
Certain dance halls in Clackamas county have been under ban on account of reports of immoral conditions being allowed to exist in connection with them. A deputy from the sheriff's office gives damaging testimony against it; the county matron, Constable Lowe, and other citizens oppose it upon the basis of its allowing these immoral conditions to exist. By many it is reported to be among the most objectionable if not the worst in the county. The district attorney is opposed upon the basis of information coming to him to giving this place a license this year. Ditto the county judge. The county commissioners will it is reported sign and thus grant the license.
At a recent meeting of the city council all poolrooms were granted the same privileges and all are made to suffer certain restrictions because some, openly condemned for disobeying the city regulations, continued to defy the charter.
And this common practice of punishing the whole for the wrongs of the few or of tolerating the wrong of the many rather than to punish the guilty few encourages general indifference and even defiance of the law.
All licenses and privileges should be granted upon INDIVIDUAL MERIT. If a proposition is questionable it should not be licensed no matter how many others of similar kind are licensed.

The Farm Bloc
Some politicians and some of the press are loud in their denunciation of the farm "bloc". This is because they fear the influence and power of the farmer members of congress who are practically united in efforts to obtain legislation favorable to the farmer and farm interests. And it is probably true that with the power of legislation in their hands this bloc might legislate selfishly as other organizations have done. But in the past there has been little or no effort to unite legislators for definite legislative effort and the farmer's needs have been practically ignored. Every other big interest in the country has had its coterie of representatives working in its interests.
Why not then the farmers bloc? Farmers make up the great conservative force of the country. In times of great stress it is they who are called upon to produce the fundamentals—food and clothing. It was the great resources of this county which backed up the army during the World war. Without the help of the farmers who sped up production our forces in Europe could not have been fed. Neither could England nor France.
The farmer has reached the point where his products bring only about half of what they brought a few months ago while it costs him far more than one half as much to produce as it did when he got the higher prices. Meanwhile his taxes have gone skyward and the price of his products in the opposite direction with no help in sight. The population of the cities is increasing and so has been representation in Congress, of city dwellers with no real knowledge of the needs of agriculture and who cater to those whose needs they do understand and who en masse have the votes.
It's high time for unified action to obtain a better balance between agricultural and other interests and the farm bloc is worrying the big interests and the politicians by its ability to accomplish this very thing.