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Advertising Rates on application. PAPERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE have lined up either for or against the session of the legislature just ended.

It is too soon to judge the acts of the legislature. Only those few which contained an emergency clause are now in effect and none have had time to test out their merits.

Judging the legislature in a general way from a strictly non-partisan standpoint, it must be acknowledged that the twenty-eighth session has achieved a better record than any previous ones of recent years.

Practically every legislator went to Salem with the publicly announced resolve to fight for economy and for the consolidation of boards and commissions.

The most important measure enacted by the legislature was the prohibition law. This problem was disposed of to the satisfaction of all excepting only the most extreme prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists.

Lack of harmony between the house and the senate was one of the principal drawbacks to more work. During the last few days of the session the situation became tense until a deadlock was reached.

Forty days every two years is a short time to make the laws for a state of the size and population of Oregon. Important bills that should be carefully considered are often rushed through merely because of the lack of time.

THE ENTERPRISE sincerely pities the Courier which, in the issue appearing Friday, declares that it will remain a Democratic paper in spite of the follies and mistakes of President Wilson and his grape juice friend, William Jennings Bryan.

If the Courier is to be Democratic then it must explain the wonderful details of the administration's foreign policy in the present war times.

The Courier has the most difficult side of the national political question. There is at present a great Republican wave sweeping over the country which was brought out at the recent state elections and particularly in Oregon, where every legislator excepting only three belong to the dominant party.

The Enterprise does not criticize the stand of the Courier. It is to be supposed that in every Republican community the minority party must have its supporters in the press, but the Enterprise does pity its rival which must defend the experiments of the administration and their disastrous results.

ATTENTION IS CALLED to a news dispatch and an advertisement appearing in New York on the same day by the Sun. Both appeared in the same issue of that paper as in other papers.

WASHINGTON, February 16.—Because of the rapidly multiplying problems confronting the state department in connection with the European war, Secretary Bryan has been forced to enlist the aid of Chandler P. Anderson, counsellor to the department in the Taft administration, to act as an additional advisor.

Announcement to this effect was made by Mr. Bryan this afternoon. The second member of the pair was located in the space devoted to advertising and was flanked by notices of vaudeville and melodrama.

"CARNegie HALL, WED. EVE. FEB. 24" "Address by SECRETARY BRYAN" "On 'THE NEW ERA'" "Seats \$1.50 to \$25c at Boxoffice"

IN ITS FIRST SIX MONTHS OF OPERATION, the tolls of the Panama canal have totaled \$2,000,000, according to press dispatches received within the last few days.

But the first six months of operation of the canal have been important for greater reasons than the mere monetary returns. The project will pay after international trade routes have been reestablished and the commerce has been increased by the stopping of the war and better financial conditions throughout the world.

Nerve was required in the 27 road districts that have determined to levy special tax for highway purposes. Such a decision was reached, probably in every district, against the force of strong public sentiment.

The Estacada Progress hits the nail on the head when it remarks that "the rotten condition of Oregon City's water has been a byword throughout the state for months past and has acted as a far from attractive advertisement, besides being a constant source of danger to public health."

GINTHER REPLIES TO REV. MILLIKEN

BEAVER CREEK MAN DISPUTES LOGIC OF STAND OF THE ADMINISTRATION

HISTORY OF LAST YEAR QUOTED Germany Has Been Friend of United States and Britain Constant Enemy, He Says in Long Communication

OREGON CITY, Ore., Feb. 21. (Editor of the Enterprise)—I have just read with pleasure Rev. Milliken's plea for neutrality in the weekly edition of the Enterprise.

I agree with him entirely in his frank and sincere appeal, but because it is timely and paves the way for a calm discussion of both sides of a war in which no one should be more interested than we Americans regardless of our father or mother lands across the sea.

It is a fact that the United States government could stop this war in a short time. Our government can stop our manufacturers from making and selling munitions of war to these nations at war.

Our government can instead, compel indirectly, if not directly, these great plants to manufacture life preserving materials for our own people who are roaming abroad in our land by the millions without homes, without clothing and without bread.

And when an American vessel loaded with bread and cotton is loaded to be sent to Germany our government permits the allies to stop the vessel, haul down the American flag, put the British flag in its place and take the cargo to England.

When you think of over 26 American merchant vessels loaded with goods for Germany having been stopped by England on the high seas and pulled down the American flag and then permitting England to take these cargoes and examine it first to see what she wants, before she allows these American ships to go on after allowing our flag to be put upon these masts again, it is enough to make the heroes of 1812 turn in their graves with groans.

No wonder these men to whom Rev. Milliken refers are silent. They can afford to be when they know England is again "mistress of the sea," and the United States is meekly submitting to England's outrages but insists sternly that Germany better not shoot at a vessel flying the American flag if it be an English ship.

Oh, for Henry Clays in the American congress! Then Rev. Milliken refers to England's neutral spirit during the Civil war! That because Lincoln declared a blockade of the southern ports England had a right to declare war upon the north.

I can't convince myself of Brother Milliken's sincerity in these references. England neutral during our Civil war? England had the right to declare war upon the north at that time? When Lincoln tried to put down a rebellion, a rebellion mark you, England and France had a right to make war upon the United States because Lincoln said to them:

Here, you quit selling guns, ammunition and quit building battleships and quit putting English marines on them and helping my rebels? I hope that any person with average intelligence can see there is a vast difference between foreign governments assisting rebels in their attempt to de-

THE MASTER KEY

By John Fleming Wilson

CHAPTER XXI. "Only an idol." "Some sailor's curio. Well, go on, idols don't talk."

When the chest was hove on deck, dripping with ocean slime, corroded and mysterious, Harry Wilkerson stared at it stupidly. His mind went back down the years to that night when Thomas Gallon—scheming for his little daughter—had drawn a plan by candlelight to the quarrel, to his own desperate flight and escape.

And now he was about to see for the first time the fatal paper—to know the secret of the wealth of the "Master Key." He forgot his surroundings. It was Jean Darnell who recalled him to the present. She leaned over his shoulder as he knelt, and the perfume of her breath led into his nostrils.

He looked up, laughed and then ordered the box taken aft. "I was dreaming," he said slowly. Then he looked at her directly, and she saw the flame in his eyes.

"Why dream when things are coming true?" she queried. "I wonder whether they will all come true," he said moodily and followed the chest aft.

The curious sailors set the box down and waited. It was evident from their attitudes that they expected to see nothing less than great treasure. Other wise, why this costly expedition?

Wilkerson did not start immediately to open the chest. Its very appearance seemed to bewilder him, and his hands shook. It was Jean Darnell who stirred him to activity.

"Now you've got it," she said impatiently, "hurry and open it! The other launch is chasing us!" Wilkerson stared around and picked up a marlinpike. He began to pry at the lock. Mrs. Darnell angrily jerked at his shoulder.

"Harry, you fool, here is the key!" He took the article she handed him and nodded. "Sure enough," he assented, "we have the key! Funny I had forgot that."

With some difficulty he managed to clear the lock and insert the key. It turned with difficulty. A moment later he had pried the lid back from its setting of rust and slime and they were all staring at the sodden contents.

There was no sound except the trundling of the swiftly revolving propeller and the heavy breathing of the sailors. Suddenly Wilkerson swung round angrily and ordered everybody forward. Then he began his slow search.

Old jackets almost disintegrated by the action of water, pulpy papers and various odds and ends came to his hand. The pulp he carefully laid aside as being possibly what he was looking for.

"I'm afraid the plans are gone," Jean whispered. "We must find them!" he snarled and went on with his task. Halfway down he came upon a grotesque figure dripping with woody ooze. It stiffly stared up at him as he held it.

"An idol!" laughed Mrs. Darnell. dancing pavilion in the park. Owing to the fact that it was advertised that the bouts were to be held in the local hall, the club was put to some disadvantage by the decision of the officials.

The card consists of two wrestling and two boxing bouts. Emmett Dunn and Hugh Kellogg, the latter of Portland, will put on the principal stunt of the evening in the shape of a fast boxing bout. Willard Montgomery, of Oregon City, and Bill Sherry, of Portland, will stage the other boxing exhibition of the evening.

Harry Lammers, of Beaver Creek, and Harry Stonicher will give a lively exhibition of wrestling and Owens and Aggie Genilli will complete the card.



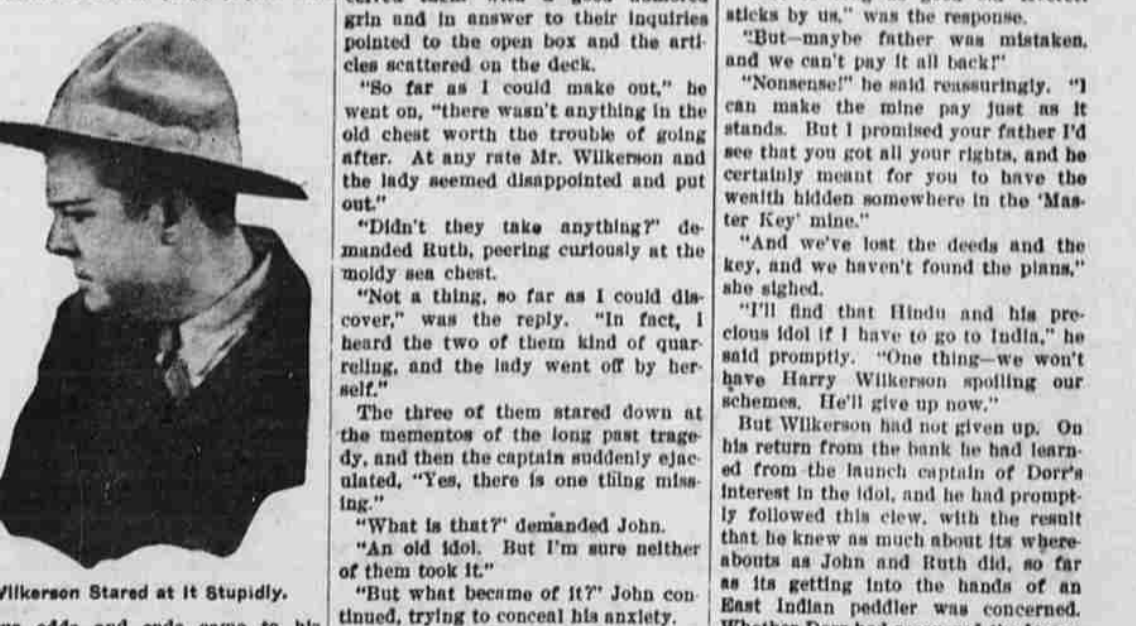
Thomas Gallon and His Little Daughter.



Wilkerson Stared at it Stupidly.



"I'm going to Los Angeles," she said.



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BENEFITS OF A BANK CONNECTION. No amount of information can give you knowledge of actual experience. You may know the advantages of a check account at the bank, but not to test the method is to lose the benefits.

NOBLE HAS QUERY FOR ROBERT GINTHER. OREGON CITY, Ore., Feb. 24.—(Editor of the Enterprise)—I do not think much good will be done arguing about this deplorable war. A war in which so many United States citizens have some of their dearest kin fighting on both sides. But in all fairness, I would like to ask my brother citizen Robert Ginther this question:

FAST BOUTS SCHEDULED. OREGON CITY ATHLETIC EXHIBITIONS SET FOR FRIDAY. The boxing and wrestling bouts scheduled for Friday night in Canemah park by the Oregon City Athletic club will probably be the best attractions of their kind during the winter, judging from the names that appear on the card.

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