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WAB'S EFFECT ON NEUTRALITY.

Derangement of international credit facilities, disturbance of prices for staple commodities and almost total stoppage of commerce between the United States and Europe impresses upon us the fact that the consequences of war cannot be confined to the belligerents.

These facts were brought home to us first by the financial convulsions caused by the war. The money market has no sooner adapted itself to war conditions than prices of the most important necessities of life are violently affected.

Since the law has given the Interstate Commerce Commission authority to decide whether railroad control is any particular steamship line restrains competition, it is as well that the Attorney-General has left to that body the question whether the Sound steamship line should remain under New Haven control.

Not only individual citizens, but the Government itself, is embarrassed by a war which is its affair. It must pour out \$1,000,000,000 of new currency, hasten organization of the new banking system and provide for return of those citizens who have been caught in the war zone.

A great many people are helping along the "Community Sing." Their names are so numerous and their occupations so various that the projected evening of song will be a genuine community affair.

The plan is to assemble a great multitude at Multnomah Field on the night of August 18 and inspire them to sing for a couple of hours. They are to sing in German, French, Italian, but in English, and the songs are not to be taken from grand operas.

We do not know what particular songs have been chosen for the evening, but if "Silver Threads Among the Gold" is omitted there are some who will go home with an aching void in their souls.

The peace advocates who aver that this will be the vindication of a little bit of universal genius as this physician must be. His treatments are all simple, though not so inexpensive as one could desire, for he sends every patient to the hospital.

ation. The world has a number of adjustments to make yet before war can be dispensed with. The peace idea is a beautiful dream—but nothing more at this time, if history teaches us anything.

VALE, FORAKER.

It may be hoped that those spurious Democratic progressives who have been shedding their tears in public over the melancholy fate of the Republican party for turning to its reactionary idols will cast their lachrymose optics upon Ohio.

But Foraker is defeated, and he should have been. The Republican party repudiated him just as he repudiated nearly all the old-line leaders who had forfeited his confidence and the public respect.

Final acceptance by the New Haven road of the terms laid down by the Government for dissolution of the combination by which this road controlled the transportation system of New England is another in the series of public victories over the trusts.

Does the Oregon housewife think she has no interest or concern in politics? Or the restaurant keeper? Or the hospital board? Or the farmer? Or any who employ or are employed?

It is wonderful how little the finished product of our educational system is acquainted with the world. If he manages himself deftly while the mill is at work grinding him out he can emerge with a head far more empty than it was when he was tossed into the hopper.

For twenty-six years Emperor Wilhelm kept the peace of Europe. He organized a mighty army and he built up a great navy; but there was no war with any power.

The purpose of the Emperor, and the German people behind him, was to maintain an invincible fighting machine to protect the Fatherland against any possible aggression.

The moving causes that carried the German Empire, through Wilhelm, into this terrible war, we do not know. But our history gives us judgment. We will not at all attempt to anticipate the verdict; and it will be just and wise for the American people to watch and wait.

How to keep well. A physician to whom we wish millions of patients conducts a department in one of our revered contemporaries in which he briefly tells how to cure all diseases.

PROFESSION DESERVES UNIVERSAL APPLAUSE.

The department we are speaking of is headed "How to keep well." Not as physicians but as confidential advisers we are moved to offer a word on the same subject.

The Oregonian again invites the attention of every citizen of the state to the astounding socialist proposal to throw the eight-hour iron hammer into the wheels of Oregon progress.

Article XV, Section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, shall be and the same shall be amended so that it shall be enacted by the People of the State of Oregon.

One of the early fruits of the war, as might have been expected, is cholera. It comes by way of Serbia and Russia, where it is endemic, and it will be carried by the troops as they advance like Milton's Sin and Death "spreading their bane."

The women of Liege, who poured boiling water on the German invaders, will go down in history with the women of Saragossa, who fought the French invaders to the death in the Peninsula War.

The Mexican federals may peacefully evacuate Mexico City and start a revolution of their own. The power in authority is at a great disadvantage in Mexico if it would appear.

"War in the Air" the horrors of which have been described by the French writers, appears to be about as harrowing as pingpong under real war conditions.

The Birmingham's gunner who sank the submarine earned unlimited shore leave after the war; provided, of course, he ever gets ashore.

That alleged bootlegger at Eugene who had 200 quart bottles of beer "for family use" was certainly a good provider.

While Carranza prepares to enter Mexico City, a new storm-cloud hovers in the north, where Villa sulks. The combatants will soon have the North Sea so thickly sown with mines that no ships will dare navigate it.

FRUITS AT RECREATION CAMP.

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BOYS HAVE GLORIOUS TIME CLIMBING.

Portland, Aug. 12.—(To the Editor.)—If the business man who has grown up with the climbing boys formed the "open" would take a Sunday off and visit the Boys' Recreation Camp at Cascade, on the Columbia he would realize that he has lacked in his making something worth while.

Attorney-General McReynolds may object to that part of the decree which separates the separation of the harvest trust into at least three separate parts, although the conditions laid down are more stringent than those which marked the oil and tobacco decisions.

One by one the trusts are going, leaf by leaf the roses fall. The last one to pass in its checks is the lamented Harvest Trust, which goes and join the angel band where Standard Oil and Tobacco have gone before.

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Fifty reservists, German and French, are aboard the same boat at half past nine, except Friday, and if one wishes the luxury of a night outdoors he can leave the camp in the morning at 7:30 and be at his tent by 10:30.

BLAME FOR SMALLPOX IS DENIED. Anti-Vaccination Propagandist Says She Is Not to Blame. PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—(To the Editor.)—Having been confined to my bed for the past three weeks, I read with astonishment in The Oregonian Saturday, that Dr. Marcellus holds me "directly responsible for the smallpox scare in the city of Portland."

GEORGE POTKE. Causes of European War. GEORGE POTKE, Or., Aug. 7.—(To the Editor.)—With your assistance in the cause of the present European war other than the assassination of the Crown Prince and his wife.

CITY LOT REDUCES LIVING COST. Portlander Raises Big Supply of Food on Small Strip. PORTLAND, Aug. 11.—(To the Editor.)—Pardon me for seeming to come to your assistance in the city lot game.

ROSES RAISED FOR FESTIVAL. PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—I have a friend who lived for several years in a rented house with a good-sized lot (not acre) but, having had her in the city limits of Portland, there were quite a lot of rose bushes of several good varieties on the place.

SEWING DONE FOR FRIENDS. HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 3.—A very fine way for women to make money and stay at home is to do domestic sewing. She could take orders from her friends for bedclothes, handkerchiefs and pillowslips.

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Little Editorials

on Business. Mistaken Again. The speculative element is found in nearly every human heart. Some call it "the gambling instinct."

In most cases the purchasers of these so-called bargains grin and bear it, but they patronize another store.

No concern ever built up a permanent and constantly increasing business by misrepresentation in its advertising. All the advertising in the world will not make a continuous repeater of an inferior piece of merchandise.

The continuous advertising of a trade-marked line is the strongest evidence in the world that this line is better than unknown merchandise of the same class.

It is rarely necessary to offer the standardized trade-marked lines at cut prices. Their value has been established. You know you got your money's worth.

One of the most hopeful signs of the times is the growing tendency to apply the Golden Rule to business. Honest advertising laws have been passed by many states and municipalities.

The Oregonian is a manufacturer in as true a sense as is the manufacturer of shoes, brooms or clothing. We are manufacturing a newspaper.

Our customers are our advertisers, and our readers are the consumers. When we sell space to advertisers we offer honest values backed up by good service in helping our customers sell goods at a profit.

The Oregonian advertiser in the Oregonian receives the same courteous treatment accorded the great department stores who use pages of space.

Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of August 13, 1889. Colfax, W. T., Aug. 12.—The friends of C. B. Hopkins, Mayor of Colfax, are urging him to try for the lower house of Congress.

Astoria, Aug. 12.—Charles H. Stockton was elected chief engineer, Frank H. Suprenant, first assistant and Edward Hiblock, second assistant engineer of the fire department.