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OTHER MEANS BESIDES WAR.

Entertaining little hope that Germany will yield to the demands of the United States until great pressure is brought to bear on her, many Americans are turning attention to other means short of war to which we could resort.

The most obvious device for attaining this end is a league between this and other neutral countries. Were the United States alone to place commerce with Germany under an embargo, it would accomplish little unless it applied to American commerce passing through other neutral countries.

Sweden, Norway and Denmark have suffered much by the deprivations of Germany's blockade. It is not to be expected that these countries might be engaged against us. But they have almost as great a grievance against Germany as we have, for their ships have been sunk and their sailors and passengers crowded by Germany's blockade.

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Danish women are not likely to thank their Parliament for giving them the franchise, since they must

confess to twenty-five years in order to vote for members of the lower house and thirty-five years in order to vote for those of the upper house. They may not balk at the twenty-five, but what woman will confess to thirty-five? The law will be held to attach a penalty to the exercise of a right.

WHAT IS SUICIDE?

The versatile Dr. Dernburg, ambassador at Berlin, has taken a public opinion in the United States, voices one argument in favor of the destruction of the Lusitania and all on board, including American non-combatants, when he says:

It seems to be assumed that the passenger list of the Lusitania were steamship agents and that they were simply "going abroad" to spend their American money. It is not true. It was and is the policy of the Government to deny passports to all who can give no adequate reason for going to Europe.

It is hardly munitions of war on board were 200 cases of Remington small rifle cartridges and a shipment of unsharpened separate metal cases and could not have been used in any way.

The brutal Dernburg assertion that the Americans on the Lusitania "committed suicide" belongs to the favorite Southern fiction, that the negro who has just been burned at the stake died from self-inflicted incendiaries.

NOT THE FINAL WORD.

The Supreme Court of the United States has been fit to take the technical view of the conduct of Robert A. Booth in the La Raut and Jordan cases. The court affirms the decision of the Court of Appeals canceling the patents, and thus reverses the District court's decision which had held that Mr. Booth on the four La Raut cases, though against him in the Jordan case.

It will doubtless be recalled that the La Raut-Jordan litigation played a prominent part in the recent campaign of the Booth-Kelly company, had, through Jordan and the La Rauts as dummies, sought to acquire valuable timber land claims at a nominal cost.

The Supreme Court rejects the Booth explanation that he had acted in an effort to become independent of the idea of putting his relatives and his foreman in the way of self-help. Yet the Oregonian accepts it now, as it did during the campaign, and it believes that it should be accepted at face value by all who know Mr. Booth.

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logical Carrel or Lister will one day invent a serum that will deprive the war germ of its virulence. Peace will then come automatically and our pacifists may lay down their arms.

METERS AID THE RICH.

A correspondent writes to the Oregonian today that installation of a water meter at his premises resulted in raising his water rates, although he practices economy. This is not at all surprising. For the family of ordinary size living in the ordinary house the flat rate is at present low in comparison with that charged the same family when residing in a house with extra conveniences.

For example, in a house occupied by say five persons the existence of certain facilities or conveniences is charged for by the Water Department, when under no possible circumstances such conveniences tend to increase the use of more water than that incident to a house occupied by the same number of persons but having fewer of the same type of facilities.

The man who can afford to live in or own a house with a private bathroom attached to the guest chamber or in a residence equipped with steam or hot water heater would probably profit by the attachment of a meter. He must pay additional water rates for either luxury, yet it is doubtful if existence of either or both is a perceptible drain upon the water service.

UNION'S SEVENTH ANNUAL LIVESTOCK SHOW.

Year by year the livestock show at Union improves. When the first show was held seven years ago it was at least intimated by those who "knew" that the Union people would make a mess of it, chiefly because Union County did not have the stock necessary to afford a creditable display.

The coming show will be held on June 15 and 16 and there will be no doubt be a display of livestock worth going a long way to see. Aside from that there will be track events as well as a programme depicting life on the range, the people of Union offer free entrance to all events and the exhibitors, classes, free shelter and free feed; the citizens also offer, as usual, a greeting as warm and a hospitality as large as can be found in the West.

PEACE DAY.

Today the thoughts of the whole country are concentrated upon peace. As a rule we think too much about war. We read and talk too much about it. There is too much military poetry in our school readers and too many of the hymns commonly sung breathe military ardor rather than Christian forbearance and love. It is well therefore to devote one day out of the year to the contemplation of peace. The time might be extended to several days without harm. Perhaps we shall live to see peace made as much of in our textbooks and classrooms as war has been in the past.

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is said, however, that Mr. Frohman would have changed his policy in this particular if he had lived.

COPPER TRUST TO DISSOLVE.

Another great corporation is about to dissolve without any compulsion on the part of the Government, but of its own free will. This is the Amalgamated Copper Company, which is a holding company for mines in Montana and Wyoming, having an authorized capital of \$155,000,000, of which \$152,887,909 has been issued.

The Amalgamated Copper Company bought stock of various mining companies, issuing its own stock in payment until the total reached \$115,000,000. The Amalgamated then bought \$79,895,150 of Anaconda stock, which gave control, and bought mines in other fields, but never engaged directly in mining or smelting. Its dividends have averaged nearly 6 per cent and have run as high as 8 per cent.

The dissolution will be effected simply by dividing the stock of the subsidiary companies among the holders of Amalgamated stock in the same manner as the Standard Oil Company was dissolved, the parent company having no other property. The reasons given are that public sentiment against the holding company and that the New Jersey laws forbid further acquisition of other companies' shares.

The latter reason probably had less weight than the former or than the additional reason that there was nothing to be gained by maintaining the combination. Trusts are gradually realizing that they have exceeded the limit of size where economy and efficiency are concerned.

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The Russian "intellectuals" have published a manifesto against persecutions of the Jews. Their argument is that internal discord will mar Russia's hopes of a national greatness, and that the Jews are the only ones in the universities, authors and public men who see a little farther and more clearly than ordinary politicians. Perhaps their advice will be taken, perhaps.

The international Y. M. C. A. educational committee is planning a railroad associations in this country with more than fifty members each. The one at Philadelphia has 505 members. The educational work is cooperative in these associations, being supported by what might be called partly by the company. Moving pictures are much used by the instructors.

R. M. Wade was a pioneer in the implement business of Oregon as indicated by what might be called a trademark. "Since 1865." In that half century he saw the fields of the valley and the plains of the Inland Empire subdued to the use and benefit of man, and he helped in large measure. His name will not be forgotten while hands hold the plow.

In celebrating the year's success of the Albina market we should not forget to assign due credit to Mrs. Josephine Sharp. She worked early and hard for the market, bravely faced all difficulties and finally saw it established, largely as the fruit of her persevering efforts. One determined citizen can do wonders by keeping at it.

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The treaty was drafted by James Buchanan, American Secretary of State, and Richard Packenham, the British envoy, and was ratified in 1846.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

(From The Oregonian of May 13, 1890. Portland is in the pennant race after all. It put up an errorless game yesterday and won one from Seattle. Two opponents were partially stopped by Dewey and Howard while in motion, but they were too hot to be handled in time to score put outs and caught on the fly. They were the only things that looked like errors. The rest of the playing of the Portlanda was right up to the handle.

Yesterday was a great day for the Portlanda. The team received their first instruction in military practice and they doubtless felt as much elated as small boys in being made the recipient of their first pair of pants. Thirty-six of the stalwart guardians of the peace, tossed out in the regulation police regalia, repaired to the Army at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and for nearly two hours drilled under command of Captain S. J. Coffey, Company I, First Regiment, O. N. G.

Engineers have, during the past week, completed their survey for a system of roads, to be known as the "Portland and Mount Labor." When completed these roads will be a great boon to the lumbermen, who have felt themselves acquainted with the possibilities of Portlanda's surroundings.

President Charles Francis Adams, Vice-President W. H. Holcomb, General Manager J. Smith and Chief Engineer V. G. Bogue, of the Union Pacific, went over to Vancouver yesterday to look after some preliminary matters in connection with the bridge the company will build there.

The tracklayers on the Waverly-Woodstock electric railway were pushing the work at Twelfth and Division streets yesterday. A large force was at work on the Fifth street will be reached this week.

Work on the stone foundation of the Central church will begin today, and the building stone will soon be coming from Albany.

The grading on Holladay avenue is nearly completed and will be graveled perhaps this week. It will be a splendid street when completed.

On Friday evening last the long anticipated ball of the First Regiment, Infantry, O. N. G., took place at the Exposition building and was in every way a social event, reflecting credit upon all who were concerned in its inception and completion.

Block of Property.

HOULTON, Or., May 17.—(To the Editor.)—(1) When husband and wife own real estate jointly, in case of death of either, would the other have a life interest in the property. Or would the children get half of it when they become of age? Would administration be necessary? It makes any difference whether the deed reads "and" or "or."

(2) If either one makes out a deed "in blank" property and sure joint aggressors against Venezuela, the action of the British government in entering into an agreement with her present Government, is it not a "savage" act? Lord Lansdowne, the Foreign Minister, made a speech congratulating the nation upon the friendly relations shown by the British government to the British sailors were marching side by side, there was a flood of hostile criticism. It is interesting to recall that while Germany was making a "savage" act, she was making a "savage" act.

(3) Could the necessity of administering an estate be avoided by making out deeds and placing them in trust with a trustee, and then delivering all to heirs? (4) Real estate devised to husband and wife jointly becomes, on the death of one spouse, the property of the survivor, the children take nothing and administrator is not required. The deed should read "and."

(5) It depends on whether delivery has been made to the grantee. If any string is held to the property by the grantor the property is not needed. (6) Courts have construed such deeds as testamentary conveyances subject to inheritance tax. Administration to determine the amount of inheritance tax due would be necessary.

Blockade of Foodstuffs.

PORTLAND, May 17.—(To the Editor.)—Please advise me if my understanding of Germany's submarine warfare is correct. That foodstuffs were admitted to Germany for the civil population because Germany started her submarine warfare on England's merchant marine.

That England in retaliation put a stop to the above-mentioned privilege that Germany was enjoying. That Germany made a proposition to England that if England would admit Germany for the civil population that Germany would stop her submarine warfare on England's merchant marine, or rather late in the season, I think, as Germany started it.

I am an admirer of The Oregonian's reference to the "Lusitania Massacre." This entire subject was fully discussed editorially in The Oregonian, May 17, under the head "Shifting Ground."

How to Obtain Copyright.

PORTLAND, May 17.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform me what is the procedure with the Copyright Office. Also can you tell me what the fee would be for a story of 8000 words? SUBSCRIBER.

Write to copyright office, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., for blank affidavit and application form. The registration fee to be transmitted when application is made is \$1. Directions for securing copyright are printed in the World Almanac and other reference works available at the Public Library.

Property Owned by Wife.

GRESHAM, Or., May 16.—(To the Editor.)—In case of death, what rights has a husband to the real estate and personal property owned by his wife before their marriage? Can said property be held for debts contracted by the husband? A. BINGHAM.

(1) If there are no children the property descends to the husband; if there are children, he has a life interest in one-half the income. (2) Yes, if there are no children; no, if there are children. This answer is on the assumption that the indulger refers to property left by the wife, deceased.

Settlement of Oregon Question.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 16.—(To the Editor.)—When and who settled disputes regarding boundary between British Columbia and the United States? CONSTANT READER.

He Still Lives.

PORTLAND, May 18.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly answer in your columns if Count Zerkow, the original inventor of the war balloon, was not killed some years ago while making a flight. J. F. G.

OUR TILT WITH GERMANY IN 1902

Sharp Note Sent Over Stoking of Venezuelan Boats in Blockade. The note sent by the United States to Germany, upon which the interest of the American people today is centered, is not the first in which the country has deemed it necessary to address vigorous language to the German government concerning action taken by the German navy.

Thirteen years ago German warships sailed for the blockade of the ports of Venezuela. The German navy, acting under President Roosevelt, inquired rather sharply as to the reason for sinking these ships, in connection with other summary and warlike action taken by vessels of the German navy while enforcing a blockade of the ports of Venezuela.

Then, as now, there was much comment adverse to Germany's action to such extent, in fact, that Representative Richard Bartholdi arose in his place in Congress on January 23, 1902, to reply to criticism made of him because of his reported connection with a plan to have German-Americans in this country protest against the sinking of ill-felding toward the German empire. Mr. Bartholdi declared he had been misrepresented, and he was loudly applauded by his colleagues who then declared that German-Americans "were yesterday, are today and will be tomorrow, nothing but Americans, and they have no flag besides Old Glory."

Germany and Great Britain took joint action in the closing days of 1902 to compel the Venezuelan government, then headed by Cipriano Castro, to pay claims of citizens of the two countries arising from a long-continued blockade called "peaceful blockade" was proclaimed, and some of the Venezuelan sailors were seized. A combined fleet of German and British vessels entered La Guayra, without waiting for a reply to an ultimatum sent to Castro, and ordered Venezuela to open her ports there. One was sunk at the dock where it was being repaired, two others were towed outside the harbor and others were still others were conveyed to other ports.

The British government hastily disavowed any responsibility for sinking the vessels destroyed were of Germany. The latter country's explanation was that the vessels destroyed were of Germany, and were so unworthy that they should not be repaired and sent them to a port where they could be safely held.

Hay's note to Germany at that time was described as "one of the sharpest notes ever drawn at the State Department." Reside dealing with the sinking of the ships, the note called it "peaceful blockade" that had been proclaimed, warning that such a blockade would not be recognized. The United States urged a peaceful settlement through arbitration.

Secretary Sigsbee won his contention. Germany came back with a proposal that President Roosevelt should act as arbitrator, but the President declined to accept the proposal. The Hague tribunal, Great Britain quickly accepted this proposal, while the German government possessed claims against Venezuela, and lowered up, and Germany finally assented.

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My flat rate under the present schedule would be and for a year past has been 75 cents. I am now paying five; my neighbors pay the same rate for like service. Now, under a metered service I paid for the last seven months for installing a meter, but before before the meter. I am economical in water, yet I would pay for extravagance and wanton waste under the flat rate. In the springing season the difference would be still greater. I am now paying \$1 for the season, which covers, nominally, four months; for the balance of the year I am now paying for the use of the hose for washing walls, porches and windows, while I pay for the same purpose for every drop that passes the meter.

Measures on Ballot

PORTLAND, May 17.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian recently you were referring in an editorial article to the Northwestern Educational Foundation, Henry's proposal that you will oblige me enormously if you will give the exact address of the foundation, where one could reach it by mail. F. E. SMITH.

HE WANTS GARDEN HOSE METER

HE WANTS GARDEN HOSE METER. If Water Register Cures Small Mains, Why Not Small Pipes, Too? PORTLAND, May 17.—(To the Editor.)—The city is now installing water pipes that are too small. When the laundry tub in the basement is being filled no water can be obtained in the bathroom upstairs. Likewise, when I sprinkle the lawn or garden, the water does not flow freely in any part of the house.

I am now wondering whether, if I should attach a little water meter to the faucet in the basement and one on the hose, the passage of water through which would make some little wheels go around and cause arrows to register on a dial, I would be freed of trouble in the house when water is being used in the basement or in the yard.

It seems to be on some such theory that we are asked to vote a half million dollars for installing meters throughout the city. In some localities meters are so small that when part of the consumers are tapping them the others serve no purpose, and the main cannot obtain sufficient pressure. If meters will cure the main difficulty, they should be installed on the pipe difficulty in my house. Can you inform me where I can obtain a couple of small meters to attach to the pipe in my basement and to my garden hose? PERPLEXED.

One Agent's Comment

One of the leading advertising agencies of the country writes to the Bureau of Advertising, American Newspaper Publishers Association.

"In going over the figures for the month of February this year I find that our newspaper advertising volume in newspapers this year over the same month of last year."

Just another straw showing the direction of the advertising wind. The drift of National advertising is toward the newspapers, because the test of time shows them to be the best result producers.