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Portland, Monday, July 5, 1915.

MAKE LOYALTY YOUR ANCHOR.

The crimes of Frank Holt are the fruits of prevalent mental excitement on the subject of the war. When men's minds are engrossed and when their passions are aroused by such portentous events, it is inevitable that some persons lacking in self-control will permit passion to overpower reason. Holt's crimes are simply the latest and most sensational of several similar acts arising from this cause.

One was the sending of a threatening letter to the late President, Woodrow Wilson. Another was the false statement by Stahl that he saw cannon on board the Lusitania. In a different category may be placed the destruction of a bridge at Vancouver, B. C., the attempted destruction of one at Vancouver, B. C., and the recruiting of men for the British army at San Francisco. The two last deeds were reasonable acts of men who deliberately set their devotion to Germany against their respect for the allegiance due to the United States.

Although the four single tax measures that have been submitted in Oregon have been sponsored by men who subscribe fully to the socialistic ultimate of single tax, not one has been supported by sincere argument. They have been proffered as fundamental reforms which serve a greater purpose, has been expropriation of land. Appeals to cupidity have been their mainstay. The most popular effort has been to show what this man would save at the expense of that man.

It is not possible to escape the same character of campaign another year, but in the light of past attempts at deception it is well to emphasize that the half-baked rural credits scheme and the land bank plan, the single tax bureau is incorporated only to cloud the main issue—abolition of private land ownership.

THE WRONG ROAD.

Samuel Gompers, speaking for organized labor, has made broadly incorrect statements in the New York Constitutional Convention. Articles that labor desires would recognize the proposition that labor is not a commodity and would provide for the initiative and referendum; freedom to boycott; accident, sickness, disability, unemployment and old age pensions; the eight-hour day on public works; abolition of capital punishment; absolute freedom of speech and press; and exclusive jury determination of cases; elimination of the power to declare laws unconstitutional; and the right of cities to engage in industry.

Mr. Gompers is asking a great deal, probably upon the certainty that the conservatism of the convention would grant no one of the particulars of his demands if it were presented alone. A man of strong political acumen, even though favoring all the demands, would not care to see them all incorporated in a constitution to be submitted to vote in New York just at this time. The convention was called by less than 27 per cent of the normal vote for candidates in the state. This does not indicate a widespread desire for radical changes in the fundamental law.

ORIGON, THE DAIRY STATE.

During the year 1914 a butterfat test was made by the breeders of Jersey cows in the United States, and the official announcement of the winners has just been made. There were 17 cows that produced more than 800 pounds of butterfat, the minimum limit set, and four of these are owned in Oregon, including the winner of the first prize. The great honor comes to St. Mawes Poppy (219922), owned by Edward Cary, of Carlton, Or. Her record of 925 pounds and 9 ounces was closely approached by a half sister, St. Mawes Sisy (219981), also owned by Mr. Cary. Her record was 927 pounds and 12 ounces.

The W. S. Ladd estate received a gold medal for Mary Adams (231651), her record being 856 pounds and 10 ounces. Three other Oregon cows, all owned by Mr. Cary, also received prizes. St. Mawes Zoe (231651), established a record of 806 pounds and 7 ounces. St. Mawes Lavina (253434), took the first prize in the 3-year-old class, with a record of 783 pounds and 5 ounces, and Gertie's Fern Princess, a 2-year-old, took second prize in her class, her record being 835 pounds and 3 ounces.

breeds have been built up, families or strains of Jerseys that stand at the very top. But after all is said the breeders never would have attained the success they have had if it had not been for the ideal climatic conditions prevailing in Oregon to further their aims, ambitions and labors.

The Oregonian has said so much about the dairy business, but we cannot go too far. That is one business that will not be overdone in this century, perhaps never. It may not always be as profitable as it is now, but no man who intelligently pursues the dairy must ever fall.

SUGAR COATING.

Tax Commissioner Galloway's endorsement of the Bingham limitation law offers opportunity to point out the difference between the existing tax policy in Oregon and the proposals of the single taxers. Taxation is now recognized only as a means of raising needed revenues and a government's primary purpose is to provide an equitable tax system.

STATE LITERATURE.

North Carolina has one of the most active historical societies in the country. It is particularly noteworthy for its attention it pays to the current literature produced by North Carolinians. All their publications are treasured by the society and it also keeps account of everything referring to the state and its history.

John Roman is a janitor, and a good one. Men about him say he is the best they ever had, but that is not the point. He is a native of Poland and has been in this country many years. He does not drop the bygone today, for he has never said, "I am an American!" This Nation needs a lot of men like John Roman, to become American citizens, with pride in their country.

With a little nest egg of \$30,000-000 set back upon Miss Barker she will be able to experiment in domestic science without worrying about expense. Evidently Mr. Cronkite imagined that he had married his wife's whole family, but Mrs. Cronkite placed a limit on evidences of family affection.

PLAYING THE GERMAN'S GAME.

Events of the next few months will go far to decide whether the war is to be prolonged for several years or is to be brought to a close within the three years assigned to it by Lord Kitchener. The present course of the war is to prolong it for years, and to destroy the Russian army, if possible, and to render her powerless for a new offensive until entirely new armies have been organized and equipped, then to fall with their whole strength on the French and British.

TRADE BALANCE GROWING.

The balance of trade in favor of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30 will be in excess of \$1,000,000,000, according to the Commerce Department. For the eleven months ending May 31 it was \$983,117,479, and for June it was about \$60,000,000 for the thirteen months ending June 30. This may reach \$1,050,000,000. In the eleven months imports decreased 13.2 per cent and exports increased 13.2 per cent.

Our imports in May were \$142,284,851, as compared with \$107,616,100 in April and \$164,281,515 in May, 1914. Imports have been increasing monthly since December until May, when they fell below the March total. Imports in May were \$172,765,093, as compared with \$107,616,100 in April and \$161,732,519 in May, 1914, and were the largest for May on record. The excess of exports over imports for the month was \$131,482,243.

402,160. Probably by June 30 the total of imports had exceeded the total of exports. The flow was outward during the first but inward during the last six months.

GROWTH OF NEW YORK CITY.

New York state has been taking a census, which has given rise to discussion as to the population of New York city. The newspapers have estimated an increase of 1,000,000 over the Federal census of 1910, but Walter Laidlaw, writing to the New York Times, arrives at the conclusion that the increase in the last five years has been \$25,919 and that the population in 1915 is 5,595,519.

The opening of new subways in the city is welcomed as decreasing the density of population in the center and as increasing the density in the sparsely settled suburbs. This tendency is welcome, for it is appalling to contemplate the consequences to national health, both physical and moral, of millions of people crowded together in congested areas.

AS THE WAR CONTINUES AND AS ITS FINANCIAL DEMANDS INCREASE.

As the war continues and as its financial demands increase, the amount of American securities thrown on our market is likely to exceed the amount of our trade balance. The belligerents will offer higher interest in order to induce sale of other securities and to invest in war bonds. Much of the surplus capital which now incumbers American banks and shuns investment in new enterprises until the world settles down is likely to be absorbed in this manner.

Frull, which district the Italians claim to have completely overrun, is the lowland and hill region at the head of the Adriatic Sea, in ancient times one of the 28 duchies into which the Langobard divided Northern Italy, and, since 1868, divided between Italy and Austria. The province of Udine and the district of Portogruaro, and the Austrian province of Gorizia and Gradisca, together with the Venetian province of Treviso, are included in Frull. The southern part of this region is a low alluvial plain, sloping gently into the Adriatic, and watered by the Isonzo and several lesser streams.

The whole district, Italian and Austrian, includes about 2300 square miles of fertile soil, with about 700,000 people, largely of Italian descent, and, for the most part, Italian-speaking. The inhabitants of the ancient duchy of Friuli, and of the province of Udine, differ from that of the peninsula of Friuli in that it is very strongly modified by Celtic words. Pomegranates, wine, and grapes are raised in Friuli. The table fruits grown here are known as luxuriant throughout Europe.

LET STATE REAP LAND BENEFITS.

Mr. Davis Advocates Purchase by Oregon of Railroad Grant. EUGENE, Or., July 2.—(To the Editor.)—In the matter of the future disposition of the Oregon & California grant lands in Oregon, while many suggestions have been put forth, there is one solution I have long advocated that to me seems to be eminently fair and proper, and which would be in keeping with the original intention of the grant.

The original grants were made for the purpose of aiding in the building of the railroad, which was for the benefit and upbuilding of the state; then in the clause added later, limiting the use of the lands to homesteaders at not more than \$2.50 an acre, the idea was carried further toward the benefit of the state in assisting in local settlement.

THE SON OF A STEELClimber WHO FOLLOWS IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS.

The son of a steelclimber who follows in his father's footsteps is bound to rise to dizzy altitudes. One Belgian and five British steamships sunk in a day is a startling record of submarine activity. Portland had a sane Fourth yesterday, with nobody at home. Today all are Americans, for the hyphen was swatted yesterday.

You will have to excuse use of the hyphen in the case of Holt. If Huerta does not like jail life he should blame Orozco. Most of the city streets resembled Front street yesterday. The weather folk hit it off just right.

European War Primer

By National Geographical Society.

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One of the leading grainmarkets of France was held in this busy city before the war. It is well known as the center of a rich agricultural, grazing and industrial district, and has always been important for its trade with the interior. Chief among the factory products of Arras were best-sugar, agricultural implements, hosiery, lace, pottery and glass. As early as the sixteenth century this little town was famous for its woolen manufactures, a fame that it has lost to the great woolen centers of the north.

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N. Nitts on Independence

By Dean Collins.

Neelcus Nitta, sage of Punkindorf Station, quenched a firecracker's fuse with his quiet liquidation. Preventing the firecracker's loud detonation. And then on the famous and great Declaration of Independence he made an oration.

I see by the papers that all through the land Each village has called out its brass cornet bands. And chosen a speaker and such like, whereby 'Tis proper to celebrate Fourth of July. And this year it 'pears that the big celebration Will break every record in this here great Nation.

Some sections with firecrackers plan to observe. While some from the time-honored customs will swear, Avoidin' the danger of bruises and Avoidin' the danger of celebrating. By plannin' to celebrate safely and sane; But most any method has plenty of providin' the folks shows a suitable spirit.

Our forefathers, from whom I am a descendent, Declared that all persons is born independent. And free, and in spite of the way it's been pounded. That doctrine still sticks and seems to me the right one, and I will hold it. The principal thing that concerns us today Is how we will preserve this here Nation that way.

WAR TO LAST AS LONG AS WRONG

Quaker Anecdote Told to Illustrate Fallacy of Disarmament Policy. CENTRALIA, Wash., July 2.—(To the Editor.)—I see in your issue of July 1st, an article by Bryan's vaporizers in the Oregonian. His illogicalities have been many and varied, and they may have some good in them, but his world-wide peace is the limit. If he has a tithe of the intellectuality some credit him with, he would know there will be war as long as the people will wrong each other. We never have a war while the wronged party will bear the wrong. It is when the wronged remonstrates and resists the wrong that peace is attained.

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