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GERMAN POLITICAL MANEUVERS. What is the motive of the systematic propaganda against the allied peace terms which is being carried on in Germany?

The men who are arousing what they call the furor autentic know that Germany is powerless to resist the allies, that the terms closely agree with the conditions on which Germany accepted the armistice and are far more moderate than the terms of the former ruling party in Germany proposed to impose on the allies, and that they are barely enough to make reparation for the barbarous acts of Germany without a dollar to repay the cost of the war.

Their speeches and writings flatly contradict the many statements of observers by the thousands who know the German people and that they care only for peace on any terms, that they may have food and work.

The explanation of these contradictions may probably be found in the composition of the present German government and of the peace delegation.

The motive of this propaganda, which was so carefully prepared that the printing of pamphlets began before the peace terms were known, may be suggested by the allusion to the defeat of 1866 in the statement of Count Westarp, leader of the Prussian Junkers, and in his prediction that Germany will rise again.

With the junkers and the centrists stamped as the party which protested to the last against a peace of shame and slavery, and with the socialists stamped as the party which accepted that peace, the German people, who hold the latter party responsible for the hard times ahead and they may turn to the former party as the one to revive their national greatness, when their spirits revive, would come the time for return to privilege and power and estates.

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who could not define "orange," although he knew well enough what it is, was discovered to be moderately competent in the business of making a living for a good-sized family.

A danger to be guarded against is dogmatism. A good many of the shorts to sizing men up probably are based on sound principles, but it is easy to missapply the principles.

The theory of the presidential procedure which a correspondent—see letter printed elsewhere—advances is that the president is all-sufficient and not accountable to the American people for his acts as commander-in-chief of the army and navy—a doctrine of executive conduct repugnant to the elemental principles of democracy.

The great indictment in the Wood case, however, is not that he was personally disqualified, but that the commander-in-chief, knowing his talent, and knowing the tremendous task before the American army, failed to give to the United States the benefit of the services of a man of so competent general. His training was for war, and only incidentally for education of others in warfare.

Undoubtedly, it would be an error to elect any man president for the reason that he had been mistreated in any capacity by another president. Yet the incident has done much to call attention to the capacity of General Wood.

Does our democratic neighbor include in his scheduled program the democratic administration framed and an obstructive republican minority defeated any of the following?

Does the Guard recall any great constructive measure suggested or offered by the president to carry on the war when the republicans opposed or defeated?

Will the Guard let us know candidly whether the filibuster in the recent congress was an individual enterprise of a few senators or a concerted scheme of the republican minority?

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of the nation to continue their schooling at least to the point indicated by the statistical survey to which reference has been made.

RENTS, TAXES AND REALTY. Rents are high, and realty values are low. We do not hear nowadays the tales that were common a few years ago about the great fortunes made by the advancing values of real estate.

The truth is, of course, that owners of real property in Portland, and elsewhere else have been carrying a heavy load for a long time, taking the form of increasing taxes and, for a long time, declining rents. The speculators, as a class, have been long delayed because it has been unnecessarily confused with change in the terms of president and congress, which can only be effected by constitutional amendment.

The explanation of low realty values is to be found wholly and entirely as to early and easy profits. It is in part at least, the growing load of taxes, lessening the probable returns, and making it more difficult to carry unimproved realty and more problematic to grab the market under the hammer.

Yet a readjustment must come. The law of demand and supply may be slow, but it is inexorable. If higher rents are here to stay, it is quite possible that equilibrium between values and a reasonable profit will be restored. Somebody must own real estate, and somebody must utilize it.

Count Giuseppe Greppi, who began his diplomatic career under Metterich 77 years ago, celebrated his hundredth birthday on March 25, a member of the Italian senate. Born in Italy, he was a subject of Austria and his first diplomatic appointment was to Rome when that city was under the temporal power of the pope.

Zelaya is almost forgotten, and only his death brings him back to mind. Yet he was denounced and driven from Nicaragua by President Taft for murdering two Americans and for attacking American marines. Carranza and Villa killed hundreds of Americans and attacked American troops, but they are still in control of their particular sections of Mexico.

The cherry crop will not be as abundant as full blossoming led growers to hope, but there will be plenty. Lack of pollination leads to the hope that somebody may discover or invent a bug whose mission will be to spread the pollen during the time of the cherry blossom, which is harmless in itself, say like the ladybug.

Hola Kun does not act true to the form and behavior, and that the bourgeois, not give them receptions. There is reason to suspect that the Hungarian soviet is a piece of camouflage, which would disguise Lenin with its artistic imperfections.

Some people think the mint julep a work of art and there may be a minister who thinks a milk punch the nectar of the gods; but almost everybody will agree that the mint julep shortcake exceeds both and then some.

Drainage will make the "Valley," and when through we can give the tiling to the irrigating fellows, who will be swamped by that time by excess of zeal, and so the reciprocity will continue to the glory of Oregon.

Everybody will feel a pang of regret at the death of the young heir of the McLeans, an accident. By right of blood and inheritance the boy had wonderful possibilities of development with the careers of the two families as guide.

When a woman is told by her husband he no longer loves her and she agrees to call it square for a divorce and \$40 a month, Cupid is disposed to throw his bow and arrow into the ash can; but he will not. He retains faith.

After all, the lumber industry is Oregon's good old standby. When it prospers the whole state prospers, and it evidently is for a long spell of prosperity.

The British postoffice made a profit of over \$1,000,000 in 1918, but did not do it the Burlington way of "nigger-driving" and trimming the payroll.

The war is over, but the New York Times lists no less than sixteen wars against the bolshevik, on including nine against the bolshevik.

Do you realize that Portland is feeding on the best bread made in the world? Ask the boys back from France and from the camps.

May be not much in a name, but Harry Hawker went like a hawk and his failure to land by a few miles is to be regretted.

The "three-linkers" have Salem, and hosts and guests will appreciate each the other. To be "odd" means to be good.

The first circus in the season is a mental tonic needed by the system after a heavy winter of amusement.

election in 1920 of president or of congress or of both. The bill would establish three regular sessions of each congress each year, but in practice that has been the rule for the last ten years.

Both of President Taft's and three of President Wilson's four congresses have held extra sessions. What is now an uncertainty would become certain, that the bill would be passed in the session, in fact of practically continuous sessions with a summer vacation.

The new arrangement would do away with the anomaly by which congress does not ordinarily meet till thirteen months after its election, by which time the issues on which it was elected may have grown stale and new issues may have arisen. It would do away with such muds as blotted the record of the closing session of the last congress, for the appropriation and other bills which had failed to pass by March 4 could be taken up anew by the new congress and disposed of before a new fiscal year began.

The change, too, is overdue. The absurdity of session laws, as they are fixed in November to continue legislation from December to March is obvious, and the practice leads to many evils. It gives to members who have been rejected by their constituents a last chance to grab the market under the hammer to feather soft official nests for themselves, and a short session is generally dominated by these lame ducks.

Defeat should end a congressman's service here to stay, and higher rents are here to stay, it is quite possible that equilibrium between values and a reasonable profit will be restored. Somebody must own real estate, and somebody must utilize it.

But Mr. McArthur's bill would go a long way in improving on the present system, and it can be passed at the present time. The merits of his plan are recognized by several New York newspapers, which strongly commend the bill to the attention of the American people, which he is doing for Oregon and the country at Washington, and of the grasp which he has on public affairs.

Mrs. W. G. McMullen, wife of a merchant at Lexington, who is the shipper, also of Lexington, are at the Imperial. Lexington is at the confluence of Black River and the Willamette, and is in the dead center of the wheat belt of Morrow county. Once upon a time wheat farmers were doing well in that region, but when prices for wheat began dropping and the primitive methods of farming discouraged the growers, so many farmers rolled up their wire fences and left for other fields and Lexington had a severe slump.

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Those Who Come and Go.

Handling grain in bulk, instead of sacks, does not appeal to H. J. Taylor, who has been farming for 40 years nine miles from Pendleton. He says that anyone can sit down and figure out the handling of bulk, but more expensive than the practice of using sacks.

Shortly after they had hanged Captain Jack—who had defied the entire state of California in the 1850s—F. P. Light went to a review and started a hotel. He says he hates to tell what a fine establishment he has built, but he says he is not sure he would want to go to it.

After serving 50 years with the Immigrant Savings Bank in New York, Hugh G. Connell has retired and is at the Benson with his daughter, looking after the family country.

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Out-Czarring the Czars.

We have never been an advocate of czars. We do not approve of despots, as a class. For they ride around in highly gilded cars. While their faithful subjects walk—and buy the gas. But the czars at least were troubled in their minds lest from their high position they be hurled.

We have noticed that the maximum of spoil was awarded by a nation to the throne. That the ruler, for a minimum of toil held the bulk of all the real-estate—alone. But he had to work a little, now and then. Though he did it rather sketchily, of course.

We could never warm to monarchs as a rule. Nor believe that crowns and scepters made 'em great. We'd just as soon be chummy with a ghoul.

When for clemency his people would beseech, While the bolshevik—doggone him!—thinks that loading ought to earn him. Just as much as if he labored like a horse!

In the later days the czars were prone to feel. That they might not be exclusively the ruler of the country. They were easy with the well-known iron heel. When the people got to sharpening their knives, they'd just as soon be chummy with a ghoul.

But the bolshevik—dad-blame him!—thinks the public should proclaim the ruler of the country. The sole-constituted, undisputed Boss!

Too oft men say "this is the end; I shall be no more." My strength is spent, my courage gone, my path leads but to we; I've done my best, I've made no mean; I've simply failed, and frankly own no victory have I won.

The world abounds in men like this; you see them everywhere, Unkempt, unclean, of shifty mien—they are the scum of the sea. They may have tried—none should deride their efforts nor their pain, But none shall fail if he but call all his experience "gain."

There is no logic in the cry that time will bring the best of us. On opportunity, for each may find the key once more; The latch shall yield to any man who wills to push to ask the cause nor speak of yesterday.

Life is naught else but linked-in days that form the chain of years, Some links are forged with laughter and some with tears, And he who feels each morning that this day's a life apart, Shall find each noon with strength new-born and never-flinching heart.

GEN. WOOD AND THE PRESIDENT. Controversy Between Them No One's Concern, Says This One. PORTLAND, May 19.—(To the Editor.)—In the editorial article of May 15 entitled "The Stone Which the Builders Rejected," you seem to think that the administration will be compelled to give a valid reason for General Wood being kept at home.

Again, perhaps, the president, or the secretary of war, if you please, did not think it his comparative duty to have a command in the A. E. F. Most people seem to think General Pershing made good in every way. How are we to believe that General Wood (who has served) there would not have been friction between him and General Pershing?

General Wood was the senior officer, was he not? And he might have felt sore that he was not given the chief command. I have great respect for General Wood, and feel that he has performed glorious work for his country in the service that was allotted to him. He is a man of high character, well satisfied, too, with his achievements in that line.

But, in these questions of why General Wood was left on this side of the ocean, is the Oregonian doing it to muster sympathy for General Wood as a Minorian, which means a democrat from Pike county, than when there are gone other such democrats, he has identified himself with the party's cause since he gained a residence in Oregon.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of May 20, 1894. With the filing of a flicker with the county clerk yesterday straight populism is fairly in the county political fight.

Secretary of the Navy Herbert and party arrived on the Southern Pacific yesterday, but the secretary did not leave his car, being in a hurry to reach Seattle.

No definite arrangements for the holding of an exposition here this fall have as yet been made.

Philadelphia.—Statistics just compiled show that the highest paid teacher in this city gets \$1520 a year.

New York.—Late advice from Porto Rico are that the principal street has been created by two best known politicians.

The old macadamized portion of Front street between Morrison and Madison streets is in horrible condition and driving over a frozen potato patch could not be worse.

S. G. Reed and wife, who have been spending several months in Washington, D. C., have arranged to leave for home to Sacramento by rail and from there by stage.

Gleanings From State Press. A Call From Eastern Oregon. Malheur Enterprise (Vale). The "mosshackles" know little of the "frontier," and the education is gathered mostly from pioneer stories handed down to them by their grandfathers who "crossed the plains" and got stuck in the "Williamette valley" where they have since remained.

Medford Mail Tribune. Those Jackson county twins, Miss Rosetta Medford, the public health officer, and Miss Anna McCornick, the food demonstration agent, held a child welfare meeting at Wimer this afternoon.

Annoying. Roseburg News. What is more irritating than to see an overgrown fat woman rocking in a hotel parlor?

Home Pride. Pendleton East Oregonian. We will soon have a night train to Portland, but before going down inquire at your local stores and you may find just what you want at home.

Is There Such a Millionaire? Corvallis Gazette-Times. It was long taught saw to maintain the Oregon. If some millionaire with more money than he knows what to do with wishes to maintain it for his own use, he should know how much he would think the amount is too much to pay for a sentiment.

A Celebrity. Pendleton Tribune. Major Moorhouse: The major is son of Pendleton's celebrities. He was born at a very tender age, and when still a young child he had his picture taken. He has been taking pictures ever since.

Lesson of the War. Baker Democrat. The war has taught a nation a great deal along the line of savings through thrift stamps and the popular liberty loans. The new victory loan may be the greatest of public utilities, more capital for commerce and shipping. Capital means seed for the sower (more capital), and bread for the eater (more wages).

Changing Her Color. Eugene Register. The "queen of the reds" has been arrested in Chicago, and it is just possible that after she tries a prison diet of bread and water for a while she may become the queen with the blues.

Mr. Taft's New Friends. Capital Journal (Salem). The Oregonian seems to object to William H. Taft as a republican party leader because so many democrats like him. But who could help liking Big Bill Taft, one of the plainest, cleanest and staunchest Americans that ever lived!

Why Not Better English? Pendleton Tribune. There are certain recognized abuses of English which are so common that they are taken for granted among the pupils in our schools. Some of them are cured by contact with men and women who speak the English with a few cases they continue to old age. If there is anything in the school curriculum which demands persistent attention it is every day English.

JAMES J. MONTAGUE TO WRITE FOR THE OREGONIAN. The Oregonian today begins publication of daily contributions from James J. Montague, who was at one time a Portland newspaper man, is nationally known for the literary quality of his writing, and for his verse and paragraphs, and for his remarkable capacity for covering events of large interest.

Mr. Montague will contribute not only a daily poem, but will write a story each week dealing with some timely topic close to the news. He will also report for The Oregonian news of great news out of the world, and of national conventions.