

NATIONAL AND DOMESTIC ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE DISCUSSED IN LETTERS FROM PUBLIC

Timely Topics Ranging From Public to Private Life Viewed From Various Angles—Opinions of Fellow-Writers Are Challenged by Some.

NURSES' SIDE OF CASE TOLD

Their Work Is Usually Where Practical Women Would Fail.

PORTLAND, March 19.—(To the Editor.)—I am not a nurse, and I have no relatives or personal friends that are, although I am acquainted with many that I have been connected with, in mine and relatives' homes—so I feel I can be fair.

I am a club woman (should I sign my name I am sure many of my readers would know I have had two professions, positions and all lines of work in which girls and women are engaged, and I must say that, to me, Mrs. M. A. Albion's article in The Sunday Oregonian was a view too narrow and ridiculous to be read to the finish.

Calling nurses petty, greedy, vain, etc., because they refuse to eat in the kitchen is (in slang) "going the limit," one would hardly ask the doctor on the case to use the side curtain, yet his profession, also, is caring for the sick. Often the nurse has stood as long as the doctor to gain her diploma, but because she is on the side of the profession that is made up of women almost entirely, she is expected to be a slave by a few of her own sex, who should stand with her unanimously. Women and their rights will never be right till they learn to be loyal and true to each other.

Nurses have no thought of their standing in the community socially, they are getting their homes cleaned, visiting a few friends occasionally, getting rest and an outdoor walk, if possible. They seem to hope to be left to themselves (or with a few nurse friends), and as for trying to break into society as the article would infer—they have no desire whatever, I'm sure, although they are usually well named with read, intelligent conversationalists, dress tastefully and, I imagine, could compete with the ordinary brainless wonder who you find in every walk of life.

"Do nurses render service?" They certainly do and yet that does not mean they are servants, for the cause of humanity. Your minister and the missionary are servants of God and humanity, yet they are not servants, commonly speaking.

If all the care you need is "your" dose, another blanket, a drink and such small things, you are right, you do not need a nurse. But if you need "good woman with a kind heart" would do quite as well; but, on the other hand, if you need a "hypodermic stimulation is necessary when it changes in character, or careful temperature baths are required every few hours, or the danger of internal hemorrhage at which the first symptoms mean quick action, then I fear your good woman with sense, a kind heart and no training would be of no avail.

I have had many nurses in my home and I have had only one that I consider undesirable in any way—and in all professions you will occasionally find a black sheep. But for none of them have I ever had a "bad" day, or rooms, servant to wait on them, or carried their meals to their room." I hope I made them happier at my own table with the family than would have been in their room. As to ironical remarks, the ordinary home nurse needs a few.

The actual figures quoted in the letter—\$4 a day, \$12 a week, \$170 a month—when figured out make less than 36 cents an hour for 15-hour duty, less than 24 cents an hour for 15-hour duty, and 50 cents an hour for 12-hour duty. When a scrubwoman goes around cleaning by the day, it makes 40 cents an hour, doesn't that give something new to think about?

FOREIGN TONGUES ALL RIGHT

Unnecessary Excitement Aroused by Speech of Immigrants.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 20.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian of March 7 comes out with the statement: "If all editors of foreign language newspapers took the same stand of H. L. Rogers, hyphenism would not long survive in the United States. And no long time would elapse before the foreign born population would again be thoroughly unified with the native born."

In this recently so much commented issue, I beg to differ with The Oregonian, which appears to me to cloud the issue and gives only a partial explanation of the law as intended, if in operation.

I will give the title of the bill as passed by the Oregon legislature. An act, Making it unlawful to print, publish, circulate, display, sell or offer for sale, any newspaper, or periodical in any language other than the English, unless the same contains a literal translation, printed in the English language of the same type, and as conspicuously displayed, and providing a penalty therefor.

According to the law as passed, the alleged opinion of many persons in high standing of society, a drastic measure like this, to be taken, would put a Chinese wall around the fair state of Oregon. It would stop and forbid the introduction or circulation of any foreign language newspaper, pamphlet, periodical, treating on chemistry, surgery, art, literature, or any topic whatsoever, into the state of Oregon, if the same is not printed in the English language of the same type, and as conspicuously displayed, and providing a penalty therefor.

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In our industrial centers like Pittsburgh foreigners were imported like cattle to displace and lower the standard of American labor, and as soon as these foreigners learned American ways and were organized they were displaced by another set of foreigners, and it has been the policy of the employers to keep them ignorant and isolated.

There is more to it than language to overcome the fuse that cement the foreign and native element into one unit. Race pride, ignorance, prejudice are the main obstacles against it. The real hope of the thorough unification of the nation lies in our public schools. They are the melting pots to fuse and assimilate the different elements into one solid unit.

The whole cause and agitation of the present condition is a hysteria brought on by the war and will die out or subside after a while. It is the same veiled savage thrust that forbade some of our old people to worship their God in their own native tongue under a threat of having their meeting houses burned down.

The trouble is like Hiram Johnson said: We have spent millions for propaganda. We picked our pockets to poison our mind. Our American press that always sees sparks in the air has kept up this trade about foreign radicalism. They have instilled into our other peaceful population the seeds of hatred.

The real danger to our free institutions cannot be entirely traced to the foreign element. The real evil is that they try to tear down the pillars of our government are the higher up that evade and corrupt our laws. In Oregon as a class are the timber barons that stole the public domain and robbed its youth of its school funds.

We have been having too much lip patriotism and cost label displaying commercialized. Like we have seen in some window display: "We are 100 per cent American—all our employees bought liberty bonds."

The Oregonian may lead the names of Lange and Noblad to the skies, but they deserve the contempt of all liberty-loving Americans who believe in guarding the fundamental liberties of the people.

A. BRUNSCHWID.

PRESIDENT WILSON DEFENDED

Wheel Will Come Full Circle and World Will Know Truth.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 19.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian's leading editorial of Wednesday, commenting on President Wilson's letter to Senator Hitchcock, holds him responsible for the contentment of the peace treaty.

You say that the president "disapproves all reservations." Any reservation which seeks to deprive the league of nations of the force of article 10 at the very life of the covenant itself. The president believes that the Lodge reservation on article 10 will have just that effect. We understand that The Oregonian in its daily advocacy of the league held that article 10 should not be deprived of its force. It may be a matter of judgment whether or not the Lodge reservation does that, but that article. But if one believes—as the president sincerely does—that the very life of the league will be destroyed by any real weakening of article 10, so that without it the league would be inoperative—why would he be made responsible for the failure of the league?

Many Americans not blinded by party prejudice will find in the president's letter a masterpiece of an unanswerable argument in favor of preserving the essential principles of article 10. He holds up once more the opportunity to the world to inaugurate a new era in human history. To throw away so vast an opportunity merely in order to punish the president for his errors is to cloud the issue and gives only a partial explanation of the law as intended, if in operation.

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years. He immediately secured a contract with the New York Central Railway company, and employing a large number of people from his own country, did much important work in railroad construction until the business panic of 1873 when, at the advice of the famous Jay Cooke, who told him that a railroad was to be built from the Columbia river north to Puget sound, he selected about 20 of the men who were working for him, and came to Astoria, paying all expenses, and where was established the first colony of Finnish people, which now numbers about 2000 and other places along the Columbia river, about 20,000, most of whom are engaged in the fishing business.

Mr. Seaborg's father was a Finnish fisherman and one of the most widely known men in Finland, so it was natural for him to go into the fishing business, especially as he recognized the great industry of salmon packing that could be built up in this vicinity. With his men he engaged in fishing at the mouth of the Columbia river, and in 1878 located at Ilwaco, Wash. (there were only three houses there then, and a postoffice known as Unity), where he organized the Aberdeen Packing company, built a large salmon cannery and later directed the brick building and operated a large general store, all of which made Ilwaco an important place at the mouth of the Columbia river, and all through his great industry and financial assistance, Mr. Seaborg made the acquaintance of Captain A. A. Simpson of Coos Bay, who was establishing a sawmill at Hoodquam on Grays harbor, and decided to build a ferry in the same locality. Samuel Benn, who owned the land where Aberdeen now stands, and which was known by the Chinook name of Wisquah (meaning dirty water) indeed Mr. Seaborg to locate there, and he helped create the town and named it Aberdeen after the Aberdeen Packing company. During the years that followed he had salmon canneries at Bay Center on Willapa harbor, at Astoria, Eagle Cliff and Bay View on the Columbia river, at Fairhaven (now a part of Bellingham) and Stanwood on Puget sound, on the Skeena river at Wrangell, Alaska, and an interest in one at Port Angeles. As stated before, he is now operating a cannery on the Ilwaco river, having retired from all business connections with the other canneries he has been interested in.

Mr. Seaborg has always been interested in matters public, believing that everyone should keep well informed in matters pertaining to the welfare of the people, of his country and nation. He is a republican in politics and was a member of the first senate after Washington was made a statehood, serving as a joint senator from Pacific, Waukum and Cowlitz counties. He was influential and industrious as a senator and did much to see that the fishing industry of Washington, being one of the most successful men in the large interests at that time, he could not prevent himself very well from taking an interest also in Oregon politics. When a very young man the late Senator Charles Peterson, who was located at Astoria, made a Fourth of July speech in 1876, the 100th anniversary of American independence, in which he stated that it was said that Mr. Seaborg was impressed with the young man's ability as a speaker and gave him a great deal of legal work, and afterwards urged him to run for the state senate, where he began his career as a public man in Oregon. It is said also, that Mr. Seaborg gave a Fulton a great deal of assistance when he ran for United States senator and was elected.

GEORGE E. PIPER.

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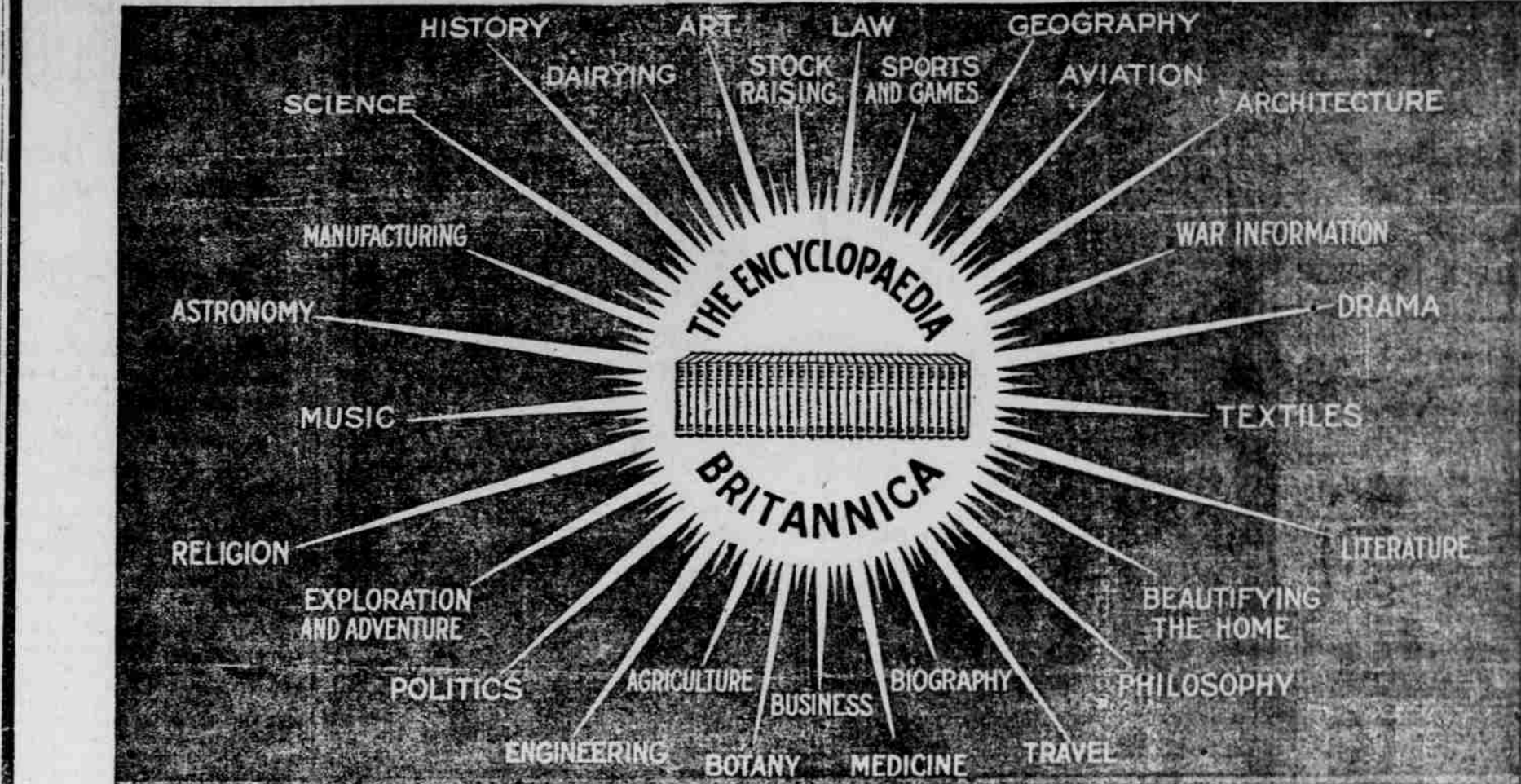
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FULL AMERICANISM URGED

100 Per Cent Patriotism Advocated for Election Campaign.

PORTLAND, March 19.—(To the Editor.)—There was a time when the soul of America was its pilgrims, and we who have lived in this beautiful land since its unquestioned freedom became a fact, who have lived in it as if God had said: "Take it and do with it as you please." Have not sufficiently realized how deeply sincere was the soul of those pilgrims. Our state of unpreparedness against the home, but through us as an example, real men and women, we were responsible for the perpetuation of the original sin of America.

When we now view the advent of the world war it looks as if Providence had again been indulgent with us, by giving us a chance to hark back to that same soul which is now known by the name of "100 per cent Americanism." But in passing let us ask ourselves if it will be safe to treat this awakening carelessly a second time? I think not.

None who are capable of laying aside superficiality can fail to see that if Providence has guided our destinies that guidance was not for our sake alone, but through us as an example, and through us as a power for the enforcement of a square deal in all parts of the world. Thus the welfare of the world was sought if good was sought so free that the whole world looked beautiful to any but the enemy.

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of his own happiness, the bolshevik, can fail to see that the national awakening which was brought about by the world war is nothing less than our second chance to perpetuate a work that was once well begun.

As we owe the inception of this great nation to the pilgrims, so the owners of the small farms that produce the raw product. Every farm which maintains dairy cows in Oregon is a factory which maintains a payroll of importance. There is more than \$200,000,000 invested in the physical plants of the dairy farms of Oregon. It is carefully estimated that each proprietor of a herd of cattle has invested approximately \$10,000 in cattle, land and equipment which goes to support these cattle. This does not include the land which is not directly used in supporting the dairy cows. Barns, expensive equipment and labor are all employed by the man who maintains a herd of cows. No small part of the money spent by the dairy farmers of Oregon goes to maintain the efficiency of the investment. This investment of more than \$200,000,000 constitutes the initial investment of the dairy industry. It does not include the numerous butter, cheese and ice cream factories, the expensively equipped market milk plants throughout the state, particularly in Portland, and the capital and labor involved in the distribution of market milk, nor does it include the money invested in the expensive milk condensers of the state.

Various manufacturing plants connected with the dairy industry maintain a payroll of their own. They maintain advertising agencies which carry the name of Oregon products, and advertise the Oregon dairy industry, outside of its own state. Their payroll is a different one, intimately connected, however, with the initial payroll of the great dairy industry and it should not be overlooked. The income derived from dairy products in the last year is estimated at over \$25,000,000 for this state. There is a tendency for people to look far away from home for things that are good. Business men will talk about great factories coming to communities; great milling industries being established when after all they are not half so important as many of the industries already established.

Some day lumber will be gone, and the business men of Oregon will look to some other source for their income. Backing all other industries must be that of agriculture, and the various parts of the agricultural industry that can make the most income for the state are those which

should be encouraged and developed. Looking ahead 25 years, one of the greatest and most constructive things that can be done at present is to foster those great agricultural industries of the state. The dairy industry is one of these, and it has a payroll of similar size, the result of the state would be immeasurable. This is a plea for recognition of the real payroll, one of the greatest of the state, and one which is commonly overlooked by the average business man. Let us have more encouragement and recognition for the dairy industry. It needs the same sympathy of the men of affairs in the state.