

COOS BAY TIMES

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WHY WAIT?

EDISON says that when this great war is over, the energies of the world will be glad to turn to invention, engineering and productive labor and that the greatest constructive advance in history will follow.

What sense or profit is there for us in waiting until after the war to buy and sell, to reap and sow, to make and order, to live and let live?

WASTREL COMMONWEALTHS.

THE multiplication of Minnesota's talents proceeds at a rate that must leave her sisters ruefully conscious of the saddest words of tongue or pen.

Last year the prediction was that Minnesota, with her iron, timber and farm lands, would ultimately have a fund of \$200,000,000; now it appears that it will be still greater, and may be much greater, says an exchange.

In painful contrast Iowa has sold all but 200 acres and has \$4,800,000 to show for it; Wisconsin has sold all but 16,000, and has a debt; Michigan has sold all and has \$5,800,000; Illinois has sold all and has \$1,200,000.

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NEUTRAL RATHER THAN BELLIGERENT CONCERN

GERMANY protests against Great Britain and Great Britain protests against Germany, and there is a quick succession of all-round protest about the planting of mines in the open sea.

So far as the belligerents may suffer from this mine-sowing in the high seas, complaint is not justified, no more than it would be with regard to any other act of war.

Civilization has undertaken to purge the conduct of war of those acts which will not square with war's lower standards of ethics.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Showing in Idaho, zero weather in Minnesota, freezing in Oklahoma, he it ever so rainy there is no place like Coos Bay.

There is just a chance that one of these days war itself will be regarded as the ultimate "atrocity."

This war has all the modern improvements. Both sides can win great victories in the same battle.

On the other hand the way of the transgressor is quickly seen to be pretty

With The Tea And The Toast

GOOD EVENING.

What is it to be wise? 'Tis but to show how little can be known; To see all others' faults, and feel your own. —Pope.

A HARBOR SONG.

'There's a schooner in the offing, with the sunset in her sails— She's black as death across the west where slow the splendor falls;

'There's a trail of ruddy cloth-of-gold that runs to meet the sun.

The path is plain before her but her road is never done; She may not stay for prize or pay, for love or law or hire.

When she harks to old Ulysses in his Islands of Desire.

'O the hills that fade behind her know the touch of fairy feet.

The pipes of Pan are lilting clear from field to village street;

And Spring is in the orchard row, though saddened hearts may break— But she's dropping down the harbor with her shadow in her wake.

for the promise of the Sun! Can lure of women hold the hearts the mother sea has won They may not stay for prize or pay for love or law or hire,

The Coos Bay girl who says she wouldn't marry one man in a million wouldn't hesitate to marry one million in a man.

THE WISE GUY SAYS:

When a drunken man approaches, run; don't stop to discuss temperance with him.

The books say a man is masterful but on Coos Bay the women hand it to him without sugar by saying he is "bossy."

THE BACHELOR GIRL SAYS:

Being a wife must be tough; she always has the consciousness that her husband is willing to flirt with other women a little.

THE QUIET OBSERVER SAYS:

It is dangerous to befriend a man; he will gradually expect more and more of you and finally hate you because you refuse his request to kill his enemy.

Instead of saying, "Keep still, my heart," the advice should be given to the tongue.

Every time a Coos Bay man hears that "we should love our enemies" it makes him mad. He doesn't accept the doctrine and he does not believe the other fellow does.

WHAT THE STARS PROMISE IN FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY enters under a full moon sadly afflicted by Mars, Uranus and Saturn, while the angular positions of the luminaries in each of the three quarters up to the 21st of the month are extremely unfortunate.

This is a combination of evil that will produce much anxiety in high places. Untoward circumstances will surround affairs of state and some very delicate international problems will fall of adjustment until after the 21st.

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The annular eclipse of the sun on the 13th is immediately followed by Mars' conjunction with Uranus, a combination that accentuates the portentous usually ascribed to the obscuration of the solar orb, such as discord, earthquakes and other calamities.

On the other hand, hotels, schools and theatrical affairs are much favored by the stars during the first of February.

The moon southing at fall augurs heavy rain and snow fall in the early days of February, with high winds and gales along the Atlantic seaboard on the 1st and 2nd; electrical storms in southern latitudes near the 3rd, followed by lower temperatures over the country, and a clear, bracing atmosphere around the 4th.

Specific incidents may be expected on or near the following days; February 1—Escape of prisoners from places of detention; accident to faulty prison structures; suicides and

scandals in high social circles; also the death of a prominent actress.

February 4—"Gunmen" again in the limelight, with the automobile playing an important part in their operations.

February 7—Important financial legislation. February 9-12—Church schisms multiply. A seizure on the high seas arouses loud protest and an appeal to Washington.

February 15-19—Destructive storms; loss of property along the Newfoundland coast. A submarine disaster, a mine explosion and the wreckage of a public building. This is the most critical period of the month in more ways than one.

February 19—Naval interests advanced and various remedial measures promoted. Activity in medical circles and a lively tone in the speculative markets between now and the close of the month.

February 24—Let those who doubt the value of astrological predictions note the weather god's benignancy around this date. This month Saturn may be truly regarded a symbol of discontent and the negation of health and business prosperity for those born between the 16th and 19th of March, June, September or December of any year; or in the summers of 1848, 1855 or 1862; June-July, 1864; in 1870, the spring and fall of 1878, spring of 1880, in 1884, summer of 1885 and early summer of 1892, or fall of 1899.

Jupiter instills a spirit of optimism and creates every reason for confidence in the affairs of those born between the 19th and 28th of February, April, June, or in the last days of October or December of any year; or between September and November, 1851; in the springs or summers of 1854, 1856, 1859 or 1860; fall of 1864, in 1865 or 1867, spring of 1871, summer of 1875, in 1877, fall of 1882, spring of 1883, spring and summer of 1887, in 1891, or summer and fall of 1894.

The first is malefic as an anniversary, especially for females, giving domestic and affectional anxieties in the ensuing year of life, and a probable bereavement; the 7th a pleasant contrast to this, and of happy augury to those engaged in artistic pursuits. The 13th and 14th are favorable natal days for those with real estate and commercial interests. If born on the 15th, sudden and sharp calamity may be expected, and accident insurance should be look after. From the 20th to 24th inclusive there are excellent financial and professional promises and legacies may be expected. The last four days of the month are contradictory.

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