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EUROPEAN WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

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The Germans are in retreat before the Russians in Poland. The British squadron renews bombardment of the German naval base at Zeebrugge.

FARREACHING

IT IS interesting to note how closely knit together is this world of ours and how quickly any upsetting of conditions will affect the whole.

NEWS OF OREGON

SALEM—Secretary of State Olcott made demands upon other members of the state board that J. C. Cady, manager of the flax plant in connection with the penitentiary, be dismissed because of lack of business management.

NEWBURG—W. S. Brown of the Oregon Agricultural College contemplates starting a pruning school to be conducted during the winter for the benefit of the fruit growers of the locality.

ROSEBURG—Charles Brown, a jitney bus driver, was arrested on a charge of bootlegging, it being alleged that he distributed liquor at a dance in the Looking Glass neighborhood.

GATEWAY—Petitions have been circulated calling for an election to vote on the proposition of organizing an irrigation district in the north unit of the Deschutes Valley.

PORTLAND—Matthew Well, president of the International Photo-Engravers was the guest of honor of the employers and employees of the trade at a banquet given at the Press Club.

SEASIDE—Rev. J. P. Vince, pastor of the Calvary chapel, has preached his last sermon and will go to England.

SILVER LAKE—Dan Angland was killed by Jim O'Keefe in a saloon brawl, the slayer being attacked several times before he killed his antagonist.

AMITY—With apparently no reason J. Frank Hillman, aged 37 years and formerly a druggist of Spokane, killed his wife and himself with a rifle.

DAYTON—The members of the Odd Fellows Lodge elected officers with J. G. Parks as noble grand.

EUGENE—A large number of persons have signed the petitions for the repeal of the Sunday closing law.

PORTLAND—Col. C. E. S. Wood will discuss the law of libel and slander before the members of the Portland Press Club.

SHERWOOD—John D. Wilson, aged 85 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Melle Johnson after having lived in this state since 1862.

PORTLAND—M. J. Myers, breeder of Plymouth Rock fowls, was awarded twelve prizes at the San Francisco exposition on birds raised in Portland.

EUGENE—The rain storm caused 30 or 40 blocks in the southern end of Eugene to overflow.

AURORA—The high school of the city is to be standardized and the matter of books, equipment and course is laid down by the state superintendent is being met with.

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING

The press is the foe of rhetoric, but the friend of reason.—Colton.

MAKE OTHERS HAPPY

When rain beats down and all is drear,

As often is the way, With happy smile I will recall What grandma used to say: "Why, bless your heart, it doesn't help

To let the tears drip too, Just wipe your eyes and look around For some good deed to do."

With glee three letters she'd repeat Just M. O. H. were they; Just what their meaning we knew not,

For did we ask, she'd say: "Why, that's my motto, and I've learned,

The very wisest plan Is to find out what others need, And help them if you can!"

With each success, as we would seek Some helpful act to do, We found that cheering other lives

Brightened our own lives, too. I told her this one day and pleased: "M. O. H. please make clear." Then smiling sweetly, she replied: "Make Others Happy, dear."

"When stormy days give you the blues,

Just help to set things right; Kind acts will fill the darkest day With sweetness and with light. Look up the real unfortunates, And ease their aches and pains; As you make others happy, dear, You just forget it rains."

—Selected.

When you do not feel well the neighbors will tell you what to do if you let them know.

Good cooks are not always good wives.

Many are engaged and a couple are married.

A dog and a tree are easily known by their bark.

Husbands are getting to be like flowers, books and Christmas handkerchiefs; one can't seem to have too many of them these rushing times.

The way some Coos Bay girls call each other "honey" is enough to fool the bees.

Some Coos Bay people who suffer from insomnia would rather talk about it than to sleep.

When son asks father to help him out with a problem and father can't answer it, father begins to indignantly about the fool things they teach children in the schools these days.

IN DOUBT.

Boston Father—Of course, you understand that there is no Santa Claus.

Little Son—Is this a philosophical discussion, or merely a hint that I'm not going to get anything for Christmas?

TAKE A DAY OFF AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH THIS MESS!

John Harwood had two daughters by his first wife, of whom the elder was married to Jim Haswell, the son and the younger to John Haswell, the father.

Haswell, senior, had a daughter by his first wife. This daughter old Harwood married, and had a son.

The elder Haswell's second wife can say then with truth, "My father is my son, and I am the mother's mother; my sister is my daughter, and I'm grandmother to my brother."

AFTER ALL.

Only one thing is left to me

One only since time began: To speak the truth that is in me And play the man. —Exchange.

Some Coos Bay people are the same as self-starters—others you must crank up every day.

EARVIEW—The property damage during the ten days' storm will amount to about \$30,000.

COTTAGE GROVE—Plans are being made for building a road from the Black Butte mines in southern Lane County to Sutherlin, in Douglas County.

ROSEBURG—Committees from the local lodges of Odd Fellows are making preparations for the entertainment of the grand lodge next May.

Try Saying Some Of These Tongue Twisters

ONE of the delights—and one of the drawbacks—of story-telling is that your auditor, or victim, as the case may be, is pretty sure to tell another. And, on similar principles, it is with considerable trepidation, as the orators often begin by saying, that I venture upon the present subject—the gentle art of tongue twisting. For I feel very sure that any one of my readers can come back at me with more twistable examples than those which I am myself able to quote. However that may be, I am reconciled to the probabilities by the reflection that contributions to the subject from whatever source must have the effect of adding to the gaiety of the war-irritated public.

Among the simplest of tongue twisters is one which, as I remember it, was imposed on the comedian of "The Sunshine Girl," who got away with it with flying colors. I saw nothing difficult in the test until I attempted to show my companion how easy it was, and then I commented inwardly, but truthfully, on the faulty enunciation with which so many of us are cursed. The comedian's line ran as follows: "She stood at the gate welcoming him in." Reads all right, of course, but say it aloud several times as rapidly as possible. Not nearly so unlucky for the unwary as that ancient stumbling block "The sea ceaseth, and it sufficeth us" says a writer in the Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

Many of the commoner tongue twisters have been introduced or popularized through the medium of comic opera. Take the recent instance from "Dancing Around." That little ditty about Sister Susie surely did sing its way into a terrible muddle: "Sister Susie's sewing shirts for soldiers.

Such skill at sewing shirts our shy young sister Susie shows, The soldiers send epistles, Say they'd rather sleep in thistles, Than the saucy soft, short shirts for soldiers sister Susie sews."

The tongue-twisting type of song attained a great vogue in musical comedy about half a dozen years ago, when "She sells sea shells on the seashore," was the rage. A little later came "Which Switch Is the Switch, Miss, for Ipswich?" Jack Norworth, the American comedian, who has lately taken the shirt song to London, sang in the British music halls:

"Which switch is the switch, miss, for Ipswich? It's the Ipswich switch which I require.

Which switch switches Ipswich with this switch? You've switched my switch on the wrong wire; You've switched me on Norwich, not Ipswich.

So, now, to prevent further hitch, If you'll tell me which switch is Norwich and which switch Is Ipswich, I'll know s'wich is s'wich."

The origin of not a few tongue twisters must be sought in antiquity, like the favorite one of everybody's youth:

"Peter Piper picked a peck of prickly pickled peppers; If Peter Piper picked a peck of prickly pickled peppers, Where's the peck of prickly pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?"

If this is alliteration, make the most of it! But very likely I have misquoted the ancient classic, and if anybody can set me right I shall be very much obliged.

There also is a pleasant story about how "Three tiny tree toads tried to trot to Troy," but all I remember of it is the first line, it "vers libre," of a sort, like the Peter Piper poem, but that's nothing, for F. P. A. has demonstrated that the weather report can be turned into free verse.

Some of the tongue twisters are especially adapted to serve as tests for ebriety. Curious fact, by the way, about that word "ebriety." Thought it was antonymous to "inebriety." After all, neither word is the one I wanted. Degrees of intoxication, however, may be fairly well determined by goading the subject with some such tongue twister as "He started straight up State street," until he indignantly accepts your challenge, and says—never mind but even a sober man might fall down on a task no harder than saying, "Shave a cedar shingle thin" several times in rapid succession.

Try another. Try "Toy boats, toy boats, toy boats, toy boats," and keep it up till you see what happens. If that's too easy, learn this by heart: "I say, John, please say you say 'I say' to everything. I do say, I say John; but even if I do say 'I say' to everything I do say, 'I say' to everything I do say, I say, John."

On the same order is the story of Esau:

"Esau sawed wood. Esau Wood would saw wood. All the wood Esau Wood saw Esau Wood would saw. In other words, all the wood Esau saw to saw Esau saw to saw. All the wood Wood would saw! And, oh! the wood-saw with which Wood

would saw wood. But one day Wood's wood-saw would saw wood, and thus the wood Wood sawed was not the wood Wood would saw if Wood's wood-saw would saw wood. Now, Wood would saw wood with a wood-saw that would saw wood. So Esau sought a saw that would saw wood; and one day Esau saw a saw saw wood as no other saw would saw wood. In fact, of all the wood-saws Wood ever saw saw wood, Wood never saw a wood-saw that would saw wood as that wood-saw Wood saw saw wood; and so I saw Esau Wood saw wood with the wood-saw Wood saw saw wood."

Once there was a duel between two men named Shot and Not. Not that there ever were two men named Shot and Not, but the duel is described thus:

"Shot shot the first shot, and the shot Shot shot not Not, and the shot Not shot shot not Not, so Shot shot again, and again the shot Shot shot shot not, but the shot Not shot shot Shot, so Not won notwithstanding."

But here's a rhyming tongue-twister:

Betty Botter bought some butter, But she said, "This butter's bitter;

If I put it in my batter It will make my batter bitter, But a bit o' better butter Would but make my batter better."

So she bought a bit of butter, Better than the bitter butter. So 'twas better Betty Botter Bought a bit o' better butter.

May the gentle pastime of tongue twisting return to popularity. It's good exercise and thus combines profit with pleasure.

THOSE PAST 100 IN COOS AND ELSEWHERE

Mention has been made of James Haft, of Bandon, who recently moved to that place from Langlois and who is 103 years old. It is interesting to note some of the other very old people in comparison.

Among the oldest people living at the present time is Captain Diamond, who has just completed his 119th year. He directs a gymnastic institute in California. In Posen, Germany, there exists a woman, widow of a clergyman, named Duckwick, who has reached her 121 year. The Russian sub-officer Budnikow has celebrated his 133d birthday. In 1872 he fought against Napoleon. A Russian in Tomak is aged 146 years. Franz Drachenberg, a Norwegian, now dead, attained the age of 146. An English farmer named Thomas Parr, who died in 1635, had lived 152 years, under ten English rulers. Joseph Burrington, who died in 1797 in Bergen, was 160 years old and had two sons, the elder son 103 years old and the younger 90 years of age. An Englishman of the name of Jenkins died in 1670 at the age of 169 and when he reached 100 years he was still a champion swimmer. On one occasion he had to appear in court to testify concerning something that had taken place 140 years before. He left two sons who reached the respective ages of 102 and 100 years. Methuselah, as we all know, is said to have reached the age of 969 years!

ANOTHER OPINION ON LIQUOR LAW GIVEN

Portland City Attorney Says It May Legally be Shipped out of State

The Portland Telegram prints the following: "Unsold liquor may be legally shipped out of the state after January 1, according to an opinion given Mayor Albee by City Attorney LaRoche, after a conference with District Attorney Evans. That will enable liquor stores to take their stock elsewhere.

TILLAMOOK—Telephone communication which was cut off by the storm, has been re-established.

SALEM—A meeting of the District Attorneys of the state is to be held December 17 at the office of Attorney General Brown to discuss the prohibition law.

EUGENE—The heavy rain storm caused very high water in the Willamette River.

ALBANY—R. E. Smith, of Roseburg, tells a gathering of people how to organize a tax league and cut taxes.

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