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EUROPEAN WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

JANUARY 6, 1915. The Czar's forces clear Russian territory of the Turks. In the fighting in the Caucasus during the past week, 50,000 men are slain.

THE PRICE OF GASOLINE

GASOLINE is becoming a worry to users throughout the west, and right here on Coos Bay, so close to California, where there is an enormous annual production of the constituents of gasoline there is wonder at the advancing price.

The demand occasioned by the war and the closing of the Russian and Rumanian fields to export are not the only causes of soaring rates. Local experts point out that the expansion of the automobile industry, the increasing use of gasoline engines and tractors by farmers and the growth in the number of motorboats are all important factors in the rise in price.

In 1899 the quantity of gasoline used in this country for all purposes was 5,615,000 barrels. By 1904 the amount had only increased to 5,815,000 barrels. But by 1909, five years later, the consumption had increased to 10,806,000 barrels. That is, the increase during the five years before 1904 was only 200,000 barrels, but in the five years after 1904 it was 5,000,000 barrels. The huge increase kept pace with the increased use of automobiles.

In 1904, another five year period, the consumption had increased to 18,000,000 barrels, or an increase of 7,200,000 barrels. And now experts in the industry believe that 20,000,000 barrels of gasoline will be consumed next year.

The total production of crude petroleum in this country falls just short of 300,000,000 barrels. About a third of this produces very little gasoline. The unprecedented demand for crude petroleum has caused its price to soar.

A PUNCTUAL PRESIDENT

PUNCTUALITY is said to be one of President Wilson's chief characteristics. Those who know him best declare that he is the most punctual man who has ever been in the official life of Washington; that only the intervention of fate can prevent him from being on time for an appointment.

Punctuality is an asset that many discount, says an exchange. Too many public officials, too many business men, too many private individuals are careless in the matter of being on time.

A man who is punctual is almost always efficient. Punctuality suggests system and order. It speaks of alertness and energy. It indicates a value placed upon one's own time and a consideration for the time of others. It reveals a conscientious regard for duty and honor.

The boy who is tardy at school is not the scholar who heads the class. The youth who is a few minutes late at his work is not usually the one who is at hand when there is a vacancy just above him. The man who habitually tarries by the wayside is generally the one who wonders when he will get acquainted with opportunity.

The presence of punctuality in the endowment of the chief executive of the nation is something that should be brought to the attention of American boyhood.

CHANGE IN MAIL ROUTE

THE possibility of the Australian mail being sent by way of San Francisco is suggested in a timely editorial published in the Timberman of Portland. Since the appearance of this editorial there was printed a press telegram stating that England might close the canal which would have still more bearing on the matter. The Timberman says:

"If the United States is alive to the situation there is a strong probability that the route of the Australian mail to England might be changed from Suez to San Francisco-New York route. At it stands today the time for the delivery of mail from Sydney to London, via Suez, is twenty-five days. This is exactly the same time that it takes via San Francisco and New York. The difference is equalized by reason of the speed of the steamers using the Suez route. The Spreckels line from Sydney to San Francisco averages about 16 knots, while the English mail boats average 20 knots. If the American liners were equal in speed to the English boats, the Australian government would insist that the mail be carried via the quickest route. At the present time the Spreckels line receives a subsidy of two dollars per mile for carrying the mail from the United States and application was made for an increase to four dollars per mile.

"The routing of the British-Australian mail via San Francisco would be one of the strongest factors in bringing Australia and the United States into closer trade relation, with especial benefit and significance to the Pacific Coast. Trade follows the mail bag. Here is an opportunity for the exhibition of trade-building statesmanship which should be taken advantage of immediately. The United States government could afford to pay any reasonable mail subsidy to influence the operation of a line of fast mail steamships between the Pacific Coast and Australia. The Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast and the United States Chamber of Commerce could most appropriately take this matter up. Her people are wide awake and progressive. We of the Pacific Coast are Australia's nearest white neighbor. Let us weave together the people of these two great nations both socially and commercially, which can best be accomplished by speedy and frequent mail service."

WHY IT IS DANGEROUS TO GIVE UP YOUR PROFESSION

In Farm and Fireside Mr. David E. Spahr gives some advice to workers who are planning to retire from their callings and enjoy a peaceful old age: "The abrupt change from an active member of the producing class to an idle member of the consuming class," he says, "is too much for a man who is facing the setting sun. And just here is the excuse and reason for this article. I want to sound a note of warning to those contemplating such a move: 'Safety first.'"

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"For a man in declining life whose arteries are already beginning to harden from indulging in rich and stimulating food, the change should be made gradually, allowing his system to accustom itself gradually to the changed conditions. A lessened amount of rich and stimulating food should be indulged in. Regular hours must be maintained; regular exercises that will bring into play, and actively, all the different muscles of the body in order to insure the elimination of the waste products of the body.

"A sedentary life, inactive and purposeless, with nothing to live for, no object in view but to live and eat and wait and waste away; with a lessened income and greater expense; with more and greater demand upon the purse strings—how great the temptation to become restless, nervous, and irritable."

SPECIAL NOTICE

THE carrier boys have strict instructions to place the Times on the porches or in mail boxes of subscribers during the rainy season. Subscribers are entitled to have them there. If the boys fail in their duty we want to know it. Don't hug your righteous complaint to your bosom as a secret sorrow, but phone the Times office. Don't wait a week or so, but let us know the NEXT MORNING. We want to give you SERVICE. That's our business. But unless we KNOW you are having trouble getting your paper regularly on the porch or in the mail box, we of course, can take no steps to correct the trouble. Don't be afraid you will be considered a kicker. You won't. If you have a kick coming we not only urge you to deliver it at once, but we believe we have a right to know it. That's the only way we can keep YOU satisfied, and we don't claim we can do it all the time then, but we will do the best we can and we want a chance to do our best. You will help immensely by telephoning poor service next morning to The Times office. Phone 133.

A LITTLE PATTY OF LAUGHING MATTER

WHEN you wake up this morning and you start another day, here's a suggestion for you, that will brighten up your way: Just make somebody happy and send a smile his way.

Just make this resolution, and make it so's to stay. You'll find, if you are young, that your youth will linger on; you'll find, if you are aged, that the wrinkles will be gone, if you'll make somebody happy ere the present day is done.

If a brother's over-burdened, make his pack a lighter one.

Manifest a pride in smiling; you will find it worth your while. You can make a man see sunlight if you coax him with a smile; laughing eyes and smiling lips will any Unkind Fate beguile.

You can save the starving struggler if you feed him on a smile.

Just suppose, for illustration, that you lived for 40 years and on every day you brightened some one's life with words of cheer, just a single person gladdened every day that's in the year.

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WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING

Usually little things bring the most unexpected trouble. There is nothing except air inside a rubber ball. But if you play with it too recklessly, it is more apt than anything which I know to bound back and hit yourself.—George L. Raymond.

LIGHT AT EVENTIDE

We are too tired to work—put up the tools; Too tired for music—let the old harp rest; Once, for such idleness, we had been fools, Now it is wisdom—now 'tis only best!

Give us a little spot—out there in the sun; A corner where the fire is warm and bright; A bit of bread and broth—and we are done, And ready for our journey in the night.

No, no, we do not miss the labor now; 'Tis strange, perhaps, but all the music's naught; We do not feel the snow that's on the brow, The trembling hand brings not a trembling thought.

We like the little quiet, sunny spot; We chat and doze; we sometimes doze and dream The fireside's good—we never get too hot— And very good our bread and lentils seem!

And—no we do not dread the trip to come; One will go first and see it—how it is; Then wait nearby, to call the other home, And lead along the darker passages! —Margaret Anderson.

Be kind to your father, young man. If it wasn't for your father mother would have made you wear long curls until you were in long pants.

Man is made of dust, but some Coos Bay girls seem to think he is made of gold dust.

QUESTION FOR THE DAY

Said little Lester Livermore: 'What I would like to know, is when the breezes rest themselves Where they're too tired to blow?'

'All the society men dress for dinner she said? 'And all the society women undress for dinner,' I came back. That fixed her.'

A sea captain stood on the deck For a submarine craning his neck; A torpedo whizzed by And I heard the cap cry 'There's a new kind of cod fish, by heck!'

THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT

If you lend a dollar for 1,000 years at 5 per cent interest the fellow who borrowed it from you will owe you just \$104,969,629,917,985,033,392 in interest at the end of the thousand years.

THE BRUTE

A west Marshfield lady was show-

ing her caller a collection of coins. "This coin" she said, "was made in 1856." "Why didn't you spend it when it was new?" asked the brute.

Weigh your words if you want them to carry any weight.

A subscriber to a Buffalo paper committed suicide because the carrier boy insisted on throwing his paper on the rose bushes instead of on the porch. Carrier boys seem to be the same in Buffalo as on Coos Bay.

We hope, however, that subscribers are not. We would hate to have the blood of any Marshfield citizen resting on the head of any of our boys.

The Times has now a splendid and loyal bunch of carrier boys. They make an earnest effort for careful and efficient delivery of the paper. If they fail it is unintentional and we will appreciate it if when they do you will phone the office promptly.

OVERHEARD ON CENTRAL AVENUE

"My wife tried to get me into a dress suit for the New Year's dinner party."

NAMES IN NAMES There is a firm of dentists doing business under the name of Puls & Puls in Sheboygan, Wis.

NEWS OF OREGON

PORTLAND—For the first time in the history of Multnomah county a colored man was drawn for service on the December grand jury list.

PENDLETON—With but a short time left in which to make the annual levy of taxes for state and county purposes, the county court is deadlocked by a disagreement.

SALEM—Clyde B. Aitchison was elected head of the state public service commission.

PORTLAND—Mrs. Mabel Myers who was shot by Evan B. Kemp, now a suicide, shows signs of improvement.

BAKER—A fire resulting from defective electric wiring caused a loss of \$12,000 at the plant of the American Brewing Company.

OREGON CITY—Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon Starkweather, who died at the age of 85 years, was an Oregon settler in 1846.

PORTLAND—A. W. Lafferty has forwarded to the secretary of state his declaration of candidacy for the republican nomination for congressman in the third district.

LA GRANDE—The city has entered into its third term of commission form of Government and F. J. Lafky was chosen as city manager to succeed himself.

UMATILLA—Much excitement was created when a mad dog entered town and after frightening the people was finally killed.

HOOD RIVER—A train on the O. W. R. & N. railroad struck and killed a man believed to be Frank C. Smith.

PENDLETON—Pat Saville, aged 65 years and a native of Ireland, and a former Pendleton newspaper man, died at the Eastern Oregon State Hospital.

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