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BETTER BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Kansas is trying the experiment of a state commission of three members with a business manager to handle all state affairs. The state government is to be something besides an elementary institution to hand out political plums and provide fat places. One of the greatest opportunities for reduction of taxes lies in this direction, and its application could be made to county affairs. The people nominate and elect about 15 persons for various county offices, most of whom they do not know as to qualifications. Most of these persons go to the legislature for their compensation and many of them have power to incur expenditures and buy supplies. They are all interested in getting through their work as easily as possible and are a kind of political union.

The three county commissioners are supposed to manage the county business, but after the legislature is through have little to say. New burdens are imposed on the taxpayers by the county officials and all the commissioners have to do is make up the levy. The requirements are fixed by law and in the aggregate make up the total demanded for county purposes and no reform is possible. The three county commissioners should be high-class business men and should have full authority to hire and fire all the rest of the county employes and purchase all supplies.

The three commissioners or board of directors of the county should have power to hire a first-class business manager for the county and the business should be as carefully conducted as any large corporation. The result would be a more efficient service in the management of county affairs and with application of business principles expense of county government would come down 25 to 30 per cent.

The militant suffragists that surround the White House are determined to prove that women have to suffer, even if they have to get thrown into jail to demonstrate it.

The fact that the public is buying the war industrial stocks freely is a pretty sure sign that the war is drawing to a close and the profitable time for these stocks is over.

Another sign that the aliens are not thoroughly Americanized is that they aren't smart enough to think up a lot of reasons why they should be exempted.

There is a general willingness to accept the pope's peace plan, provided every power gets all it is demanding.



ARE THE ALIENS DOING THEIR SHARE?

Hon John M. Evans is determined to continue his fight in congress until all aliens of the allies, who are fitted for war, enlist either under their own flag or the flag of the United States. Mr. Evans insists also that the aliens from Germany and other countries fighting us bear their share of the burdens of the war. "I can not persuade myself to believe," he declares, "that it is our duty to send 10,000 American boys to the front and leave 12,000 alien boys at home to take the jobs of our citizens fighting in the trenches."

His viewpoint, doubtless, is a new one to many of us. That is, we had not just thought of it in that way, probably. But is not Mr. Evans about right? Why should the alien enjoying the protection of the United States government and the greater freedom they find here be allowed to stay at home in preference to our boys, and besides profit by the absence of our boys in taking good positions vacated by American citizens when they left for the front?

PATRIOTIC ORATORY.

In order for a nation to wage war successfully it is necessary for the people to understand what they are fighting for. In the civil war the dividing issues had been talked, argued and debated for a generation. Everyone on both sides of the line knew what he was fighting for.

In this war the issues are largely new. There are many people who do not read much, who do not thoroughly understand what we are fighting for. They should be made to see how our rights as a nation have been trampled upon. They should understand how when once a nation allows its citizens to be murdered without taking action to stop it, it is forever afterward viewed with contempt and no attention is paid to its demands. A nation as well as a man must stand up for its rights.

Here is a call for patriotic oratory. Our congressmen will soon be coming home. Let them get to work in this way. Everyone who has the gift of public speech should be drafted in this cause. A feature of every crossroads picnic and public meeting should be the patriotic speech, in which the causes of the war should be made clear to all the people.

Now that China has declared war, it should be possible for our army to get its clothes washed.



TROLLEY LINE HAZARDS

Recent months have been somewhat free from serious transportation accidents. The safety first campaign is working. But while conditions on the railroads are improving, other perils are made manifest, as in the serious accident occurring at North Branford, Ct., where a head-on collision of trolley cars killed eighteen people. Many fast running electric lines are subject to like hazards.

These perils are augmented by the fact that many electric lines are not as prosperous as when they started. They used to be called the poor man's automobile, and people rode on them for pleasure. On pleasant afternoons many tired mothers and picnic parties were out riding for fun. After the novelty wore off, this source of revenue fell off. Expenses increased and many lines that looked like a bonanza at first found themselves up against hard times.

Such conditions lead to economies which may affect safe operation. A road whose stockholders are clamoring for dividends feels too poor to keep up with the best safety equipment. The roads are often not able to pay wage enough to get motormen of the responsible type that operate railroad locomotives. Frequently also employes are worked long hours and are not physically and mentally alert.

Whether conditions like these could have had anything to do with this Connecticut accident or not, they exist everywhere electric lines run at high speed. They affect a wide range of people, as they are one of the country's important transportation links. They are used for business and travel purposes by people from remote distances.

Although a road may be hard up, yet its management should remember that it must ally itself with the safety first movement. Good equipment is necessary, but vigilance counts even more. Rigid obedience of rules should be required and employes should be given decent periods of rest.

THE 1918 FOOD CAMPAIGN

The food production campaign as a war measure necessarily came late this year. War was not declared until April. By that time the farmers' plans for the season were practically made. Little could be done except to get a lot of people working in a small way on home gardens. This was useful, but for any big production we must look to our professional food raisers—the farmers.

Now it is a principle of human effort that you can get more out of people by going direct to them and stating your case than in any other way. If a board of trade wants to raise money for a public object, it can't do it merely by issuing general statements. Every one says, "Let George do it". The board officials must get out among Smith and Jones and tell them they ought to help and that they must. Under personal pressure, they come across.

It is the same way with the government. The whole country should be organized. There should be committees for every state, county, and town. Every farmer should be interviewed in a friendly way by his home committee. They should ask him to go the limit to increase his area of cultivated crops. Under that solicitation a great many pledges of such increase will be made and kept.

In a great many cases such committees would find that the farmer would like to raise more but can't on account of some difficulty. He may need more equipment. If so, and if he is a person fairly entitled to receive credit, the interest of some bank or lending company should be solicited to help him out.

In a great many cases the lack is simply that the farmer can't get help. That situation should be similarly taken up and everything possible done to meet the need. In these ways a big increase over even the present large production can be secured. It will not merely help win the war but it will increase everyone's prosperity.

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IMMEDIATE PEACE.

The people who are demanding an immediate peace should reflect that, on the basis of present territory holdings, this would leave Germany the winner of the war. Her autocracy would claim that it had made good, that its theory of government had vindicated itself, that autocracy is more efficient than democracy, and that the necessity of militarism had been thoroughly demonstrated. Germany would remain on her militaristic basis.

That would make it necessary for all the other great powers to continue on the same basis. The United States would not forget Ambassador Gerard's warning, that Germany proposed to collect the indemnity it desired from the United States. It also would remember Germany's aspirations for colonial holdings in Central and South America. Such holdings would be contrary to American principles and in defence of our Monroe doctrine.

Universal service would be necessary in this country, with a large standing army and a vast body of thoroughly trained men ready for instant mobilization. A vast equipment of explosives, small arms, big guns of all calibers, air craft, coast defenses, must be created. The navy would need to be greatly augmented, with a big number of submarines. This force would have to be kept up to date with incessant changes. The United States would be spending several billions a year on its army and navy.

If the United States will continue in this war with all its heart it can put an end to this menace. It is not a question of seizing any territory belonging to the German people. It is simply a question of demonstrating to them that autocracy does not pay. When that fact is demonstrated they will reorganize on a democratic basis. Then the United States can disarm, or nearly so. It will be made much cheaper to fight it out for a year or two than to endure militarism indefinitely.

Ashland 41 Years Ago

Items picked from the files of the Tidings published in August, 1876: Josiah Hannah arrived last Wednesday from Rogue river with a cargo of earthenware. J. M. McCall & Co. have it for sale in quantities to suit the purchaser. Mr. Hannah, by developing this industry, is doing much good for the valley.

Dr. William Jackson and estimable wife, accompanied by Miss Miller of Salem and Miss Berry of Jacksonville, have been recuperating at Russell's soda springs. They will return to Jacksonville soon.

Mr. R. B. Hargadine was yesterday evening attacked with paralysis. He is now improving rapidly.

Mr. J. Q. Latta and Messrs. De Peatt and Henry Emery are recuperating at Cole's soda springs. Those are reputed to be heavily freighted with medicinal properties. Miss Rumor says that one may safely drink at these fountains till an umbrella would not fit him.

Mr. C. K. Klum has purchased of Mr. B. F. Reeser his former residence on Granite street.

Hon. J. M. McCall will start for San Francisco about the 15th of August. His bride will accompany him.

We are pleased to see our old friend W. C. Myer and his big horses back among us again. And right here we will remark that the people of Jackson county are proud to claim Mr. Myer as the most thorough horseman in Oregon. Those who have not seen Mr. Myer's fine horses, cattle, fowls, etc., could not spend a few hours better than to pay him a visit at his residence.

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oneers of Ashland, has been in town for several days visiting friends.

Messrs. Reeser, Coolridge and Ewing took a turn in the mountains last week for a few days. They killed one deer.

Mr. Michael Thomas showed us a number of soft cinnamon that was literally filled with small globules of free quicksilver. He informs us that he has found a large ledge of it.

Blessed be they who make others happy. This applies directly to Mr. Horace Root and Mr. A. Bish, who each in turn made the printers' hearts bound with joy by laying before them a liberal supply of large, delicious watermelons this week.

On last Monday Messrs. J. P. True, H. F. Phillips and Isaac Woolen, accompanied by their families, left for a three weeks' tour via Linkville to Fort Klamath and Crater Lake. They will return by way of Rogue river.

Being told that he ought to make a noise in the world, the young man of the period gets out on the road with an unmuffled motorcycle.

Marriage rings and prize rings of ten present exhibitions of like nature.

If a man is simply determined to trade in stocks, he must expect to spend several hours a day reading statistics and business information, and he must consult with bankers and financiers, and then later be ready to snap up a cent and abide by the result.

When husband works himself into a frenzy while telling his wife that he is going out to thrash some fellow, it is her place to beg him to calm down, even if she knows that he would walk 80 blocks out of his way to avoid meeting that same fellow.

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