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TOO GREAT COST OF PRESERVING PEACE. THERE ARE some signs that not only the taxpaying, burden-bearing people but those who in one way or another are set in authority, are weary of the generally programmed method of preserving peace by building more and still greater and more costly battleships.

The former excuse for these rival fleets was that they were necessary to make war on enemies. So, occasionally, they were employed, at immense and needless destruction of life and property. Now, the excuse is that they are necessary not to make war but to prevent it.

But who are going to war and what about it? If there is to be and should be and must be no more war among civilized nations, then why the necessity of this enormous expense to keep the peace? And isn't the best way to insure peace to have no means of warfare? Why not hire a few honorable, able diplomats and lawyers and let them settle whatever differences may come up?

As far as the United States in particular is concerned, it has no need of an immense navy because it is peculiarly situated and is too big for any belligerent brother nation to tackle. Even cocky little Japan is not likely to attempt the feat of licking the United States.

As far as we suggested the other day, what is the sense of building a battleship costing \$15,000,000, when a bomb from a \$15,000 airplane can kill it in a minute as dead as the Maine?

ANOTHER COPPER CONSPIRACY

DISPATCH last week under a London date line told of the organization in that city of a trust to control the output and price of the copper of the world. The capitalization, it was stated, would be \$200,000,000.

Copper has come increasingly into use for many purposes and everybody among the comparatively few owners of copper deposits is interested in its sale at a reasonable price. The uses of copper are manifold and extend all over the world.

Production of copper has kept pace with the demand for it, and under normal conditions the price of the metal should be low.

in various parts of the world. The cost of mining and smelting it is said to be about 10 to 12 cents a pound and a fair return to owners of the deposits and investors in the copper producing industry would raise this price perhaps 2 cents a pound.

If this happens a few more times, perhaps the people of this and other copper producing countries will take the copper mines away from their individual and corporate owners and make them legally, what many people believe they are rightfully, public property.

CITY AND COUNTRY POPULATION

ACCORDING to the few scattering returns from the census that have been made public, there has been an unexpected large gain of population in American cities, notable instances being Pittsburg and Detroit.

Mr. Roosevelt perhaps did nothing better while he was president than in his advocacy and efforts in behalf of improved rural life. For the better that conditions of country life become, the easier and healthier and happier people will be who live in the country, the more will remain or go there to live, in proportion to those who go into or remain in the cities.

Possibly some of this large increase in city population may be explained by increases of urban areas. It has become the fashion for cities to extend their boundaries so as to take in outlying suburbs containing many people who really live in the country rather than the city, many people, even, with from one to ten acres of ground.

Whether there is any real "back to the farm" movement or not, there is undoubtedly, here, and in and around other cities, a relatively increasing number of people who own suburban homes, all the way in size from a single lot up to several acres.

ONE WHEAT FIELD'S YIELD

THE WHEAT field in portions of the famous upper country wheat belt has not been up to the average, but on most of the lighter and less dependable lands—the wide fringes of the "belt"—it has been good, greater in fact than ever before.

There are occasional yields, however, that show the astonishing producing capacity of the decomposed basic rock that unnumbered ages have converted into the soil of that region.

But while the story of this crop does not give information as to what kind of a farmer raised this crop, or how he plowed and planted, it is pretty safe to assume that he used brains as well as muscles, and the chances are that he learned something about farming from that same agricultural college, or from men

who were in touch with its teachings. The farmer of these days needs to be and is becoming the student, the scientist, the scholar, in his line of work.

There need be no wheat shortage in this country for many years to come if enough wheat raisers will use the best seed and employ the best methods in raising their crops.

STATEMENT ONE THE BEST SOLUTION

THE PRIMARY law of California provides that "the vote for candidates for United States senators shall be an advisory vote for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the voters in the respective senatorial and assembly districts in the respective parties; provided, further, that the members of the legislature shall be at liberty to vote either for the choice of their respective districts expressed at said primary election, or for the candidate for United States senator who shall have received the indorsement of their party at such party election in the greatest number of districts electing members of such party to the legislature."

Judge Works of Los Angeles received a plurality of the popular vote for United States senator in the recent primary election and so the legislature, if a majority of it should be Republican, has been "advised" to elect him.

The Oregon law is simpler and better. Direct the legislature positively to elect the candidate for senator, regardless of party, who receives the highest vote. This eliminates all dickerings and bargaining.

Figures gathered by a reputed statistician show that there are now 350,000 automobiles in use in the United States, and 7,000,000 vehicles of all kinds drawn by horses.

An Unconventional Fish Tale

Jones has rods that are steel-banded. Reels that run by hidden springs. Lines of linen many-stranded.

Wanted, an assembly candidate for joint senator for Multnomah, Clackamas and Columbia counties. Almost anybody will do, providing he believes in the principle of the people be d—d.

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place for them than to have them playing in the streets. It is not only better for the children themselves, but it is better for the parents and for the public in general.

Letters From the People

Letters to the Journal should be written on one side of the paper only and should be accompanied by the name and address of the writer. The name will not be used if the writer asks that it be withheld.

Esperantist Makes Reply

Portland, Aug. 22.—The Editor of The Journal has requested that I should also to present a few facts concerning the Esperanto movement which seems to be pertinent just now.

In the first place, to your criticism that it is impossible for Esperanto to become a world wide language, it is only necessary to state that Esperanto has already become a world wide language, with adherents in every country of Europe.

There are hundreds of books, pamphlets and magazines published in the language, and on all subjects. About the literature, I wish to state that some of the finest literature in the world has been written in Esperanto, including a large portion of the Bible, a number of Shakespeare's plays, works of Goethe and others.

There have been six world's congresses within the past seven years in which were present all the way from 1500 to 3000 Esperantists, representing 30 different languages, and their debates and all exercises were carried on entirely in Esperanto.

They say that Esperantists are enthusiasts, and so they are, but we are not impractical. We claim that one of the chief objects of the Esperantists is to bring about a common neutral language.

It is one of the great modern peace movements. It would break down the barrier of conflicting languages. Esperanto is easy to learn. One can master it in a few days.

August 23 in History—Sir William Wallace

Sir William Wallace, the national hero of Scotland, is still so vital and actual a personality today, more than six centuries after his execution, that it is a shock to realize that all the authenticated history we have of him covers only the deeds of less than two years.

When he was an obscure outlaw, whose birthday can only be set at 1270 by vague guesswork, his wanderings and doings only vouched for by the famous minstrel, Blind Harry, who, coming 200 years after, had nothing but uncorroborated legends to depend on.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Mayor Gaynor may live to do a lot of good yet. It is possible that Roosevelt also can't "come back". Aldrich and Cannon do not regard insurrection as sane and safe.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

The M. E. church of Echo with a \$10,000 fund for improvements making it a modern structure, was dedicated last Sunday. A Myrtle Creek man recently killed a doe with horns, said to be a rare thing, the same as a woman with whiskers, remarks the Albany Democrat.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

About twice as many voters as are registered should be doing so. The people were never so intelligently able to public affairs as now. The tariff may be really revised downward somewhat next year.

ESPERANTIST MAKES REPLY

It is expected that Oregon's hop crop will be larger than expected, as usual. There is still time for the rest of the assembly candidates to resign or decline.

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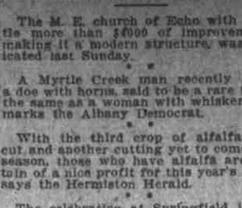
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