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DR. WITHYCOMBE'S BAD ADVISERS THE statement is made that Dr. Withycombe will make no more speeches. His advisers don't want him to. They claim he has lost heavily since his nomination as a result of his talks. They insist that he must not talk unless he uses canned speeches which they prepare for him.

When You Go Away Have The Journal sent to your Summer address. It is a wise man who knows his own business; and it is a wiser man who knows how to advertise it.—H. L. Wayland.

Those who give such counsel to Dr. Withycombe badly. There is no way to wipe out Dr. Withycombe's public utterances on the single item veto. At the Civic League luncheon, he said: (The single item veto) would be a two-edged sword. In the hands of a trustworthy executive of fair and impartial mind, it might work well; but it would give room for an executive of opposite political tendency to work political revenge that would prove dangerous.

A FEW SMILES Young Man—I have called, sir, to request the hand of your daughter in marriage. Old Man—Yes, she accepted you, Young Man—Yes, sir, I'll marry her. Then what do you want to come round and bother me with your troubles for?

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF SMALL CHANGE An heiress ought to make a capital wife. Huerta got off the front page just in time. Usually a lazy man is a dead loss to himself. It's easy to ignore insults aimed at someone else. A wise man never poses as the hero of his own anecdotes.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS Bandon people are numbering their houses, according to a newspaper by the city engineer, and which also includes a new system of street names. Silver Lake Leader: The candidate for commissioner who had his platform "no bounty" stand by November if the present disease among the long haird geese continues. There will be no rabbits to pay bounty on.

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THE FIRST GREAT BATTLE THE first great battle in the European conflict is apparently to be between Germany and France. The stage is already set. Germany has apparently determined that it should be so. During the time Germany was negotiating with Russia as to the latter's course respecting Serbia, Germany was, in fact, massing her troops for a movement, not on Russia as was supposed, but on France. In answer to inquiry as to why the troops were mobilizing near the French frontier, Germany's reply was that the army was to be engaged in the usual autumn maneuvers near Strasburg.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE (Communications sent to the Journal for publication in this department should be written on one side of the paper, and should not exceed 300 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the contributor. If the writer desires that his name be published, he should so state.) "Discussion is the greatest of all reforms. It rids the mind of everything it touches. It throws its rays back on our responsibilities. If they have been neglected, it brings them out of existence and sets up its own conclusions in their stead."—Woodrow Wilson.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE (Continued) "Why, they're quite hot!" said the latter as he took them up. "How could you be so sure?" "What else could you expect? They are only just out of the mold. We are coining them by hundreds as fast as we can." "Coining them?" thought the simple agriculturist, suddenly behooved with this confidence revived, the panic abated, and the bank was enabled to weather the storm.

THE RACE-DREAD BENEATH EUROPE'S WAR deep rooted racial antagonism between Teuton and Slav. This is the social conflict which confronts the race after 19 centuries of the gospel of peace—the great Christian nations of the elder world, the exemplars of peace and advanced humanity, flinging themselves into a devastating war. National rivalries are to be settled by slaughter; half a continent is to be razed to the ground; blood to decide where justice lies as between clashing racial ambitions.

THE RACE-DREAD BENEATH EUROPE'S WAR (Continued) The streets of the capitals are filled with shouting throngs. The only hero is the soldier. "The nation which yesterday was a friend and supporter of a rival, today is furiously denounced as 'the enemy,' for whose blood it is virtuous to thirst. Millions of people are being mobilized for destruction, amid the cheers of war-mad citizens.

THE RACE-DREAD BENEATH EUROPE'S WAR (Continued) All these cross currents of racial and political antagonism are as familiar to the peoples of Europe as the simplest facts of existence. From childhood they breathe the atmosphere of international rivalry and competition on the vast preparations of militarism as the most important function of civilization.

THE RATE DECISION THE Interstate Commerce Commission has decided that eastern railroads are entitled to a small advance in rates. The commission finds that while the income of the railroads is smaller than demanded by public interest, they have made no showing warranting a general increase. It is pointed out that real relief could be had by a financial reorganization of the roads on a sound basis. Rather than raise rates it was suggested that the railroads should discontinue costly free service to shippers and possibly increase their passenger fares.

THE AVIATOR'S HEROISM PROBABLY the most thrilling incidents of the pending European war will be those in which the air-man will participate. Not only will the interest be great in studying the effectiveness of the aeroplane as a new implement of warfare in scouting and dropping explosives but the blood will be stirred by the individual acts of heroism on the part of aviators.

THE AVIATOR'S HEROISM (Continued) There is already a foretaste of this in a Paris dispatch telling of Roland Garros' sacrifice of life in bringing down a German dirigible just after it had crossed the French frontier. From a height of 1000 feet Garros, in his aeroplane, swooped down on the dirigible which was set on fire. With the aeroplane entangled in its wreckage it fell to the ground and its twenty-five occupants, together with Garros, were killed.

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LET THEM THINK WHILE those fighting the rivers and harbors bill talk, let them also think. Here is something for them to think about: Take, for instance, the government work on the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia. Seventy-five thousand dollars was spent there in dredging a channel through which to carry rock from the river north of Sand Island to be deposited on the jetty.

THE VICTIM OF STANDARDS Reedville, Ore.—To the Editor of The Journal—Europe stands on the precipice of a war the outcome of which is hard to foresee. It seems to me that the politicians, who are selfishness, expose their people to the horrors of war. The time must come, and come soon, when the men who have sold their souls to the bayonet and fight the battles of the ruling clan, the money class and the aristocracy, will pause and think that after all they gain nothing.

FOREIGN ADVOCATES Portland, Aug. 4.—To the Editor of The Journal—In your issue of July 29, page 13, last column, I note another foreigner in the ranks of the Oregonians to tell us how to vote—Howard H. Russell of Westerville, Ohio. Still, in a recent issue H. F. Hutton, foreigner and resident in Oregon, declares it is not a foreign organization butting into Oregon to destroy one of our biggest industries, the hop business.

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LET THEM THINK (Continued) If no rivers and harbors bill passes, work will cease within two weeks. The \$500,000 contributed by Portland and Astoria to keep the work going will be exhausted. There will then be no funds until congress can pass an appropriation bill next year.

THE VICTIM OF STANDARDS (Continued) The statement is made that the Anti-Saloon league is a non-partisan gentlemen can take the question out. The brewers won't let them. They tied the old parties hand and foot 49 years ago and have since kept them neutral on the liquor question since and never will till they are dead. I wonder if they know what the Saturday Evening Post said about them. Here are six different bodies, each a heap of literary junk. One is labeled "Democratic platform." The other "Republican platform." Both parties talk much of reforming various things. We wish they would reform the party by leaving the rot out of their platforms.

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