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Be not ashamed to confess you have been in the wrong. It is but owning what you need to be admitted to. You will now have more sense than you had before, to see your error; more humility to acknowledge it; more grace to correct it.

AMERICA FIRST. In the same tone of sobering shadness with which Lincoln pleaded for a united country in his presidency, Woodrow Wilson counseled with his countrymen Tuesday night, in an address at Washington.

The two men, each in his time, faced overwhelming issues. Only in the inner precincts of the White House was there knowledge of the tremendous problems that pressed down upon Lincoln. Only in the same inscrutable chambers, is there knowledge of the momentous issues that now weigh down the man who has succeeded to the place of Lincoln.

With the world out of equilibrium, with the clash of armed hosts directly and indirectly laying a blighting touch upon every nation on the planet, President Wilson spoke in a vein remarkably like that of the great President Lincoln. The words were different but the vision of this Republic and its purpose was the same. He said: "No nation is fit to sit in judgment upon any other nation."

These are words to appeal to the sober judgment of every loyal citizen. It is not the part of the United States to sit in judgment over the fearful conflict in Europe. We are a people compounded of the kinsmen of those who are in the trenches on both sides, and our part is not to judge, but in deep sympathy to be ready to help both sides and to help all when the inevitable hour of exhaustion comes.

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Total deposits in savings banks April 1, 1915, were \$315,189,489, compared with \$311,831,989 for April 1, 1914, or a gain of \$3,357,500. These figures are significant when taken in connection with the March increase in deposits, which was at the rate of \$8,396,920 a year. Evidently the manufacturing states are sharing in prosperity.

THE PAVING OFFER. SERIOUS interest is thrown around road paving in Multnomah county by the offer of R. S. Dulin and R. G. McMullen to do the work at 60 cents per yard, or under.

They say the seventy miles of paving can be done at a total cost of \$493,520, including the \$50,000 that would be required for a paving plant to be provided by the county. The sum is \$393,520 less than the estimated cost at the \$1.20 per yard under which the bonds were voted.

These are large figures. They are presented by men who are reputed to be experts in their line. Mr. Dulin is a chemical engineer of 22 years' experience. For the past five years he has been the official chemist for paving in Portland. Mr. McMullen has been for 13 years district engineer in the paving department in Portland. Last year he was engineer for Roadmaster Yeon in the road work in Multnomah county.

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SHARING IN PROSPERITY. CONNECTICUT is a manufacturing state. For that reason a statement showing aggregate resources and liabilities of state banks and trust companies, published in Commerce Reports, is interesting. Comparative figures for March 1 and April 1 are given. In one month general and savings deposits in state banks and trust companies increased \$858,752; surplus increased \$121,765; loans and discounts, \$1,027,277; stocks and securities, \$164,254; checks and cash items, \$121,619. The net increase in assets and liabilities was \$722,017, a gain of one per cent in a month.

should call a halt in automobile buying. The city cannot afford to maintain its officials in the millionaire class. If it attempts to rig out all its functionaries in the livery and equipage of swiftness, it will go bankrupt.

These figures are proof that if sportsmen wish to find the Chinook where it is most abundant and of superior quality they will not visit the Sacramento river, nor Alaska, but will come to Portland, the Chinook's home port.

Government is partly for the average man. It is mostly for the average man because average men are in the great majority. The average man cannot afford the luxury of an automobile for his own use, and he cannot afford a multiplicity of automobiles for the public use. If government is squared more with the status of the average man, there will be less restlessness and fewer complaints about the cost.

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CITY AUTOS. WISELY and sanely, the city commission declined to buy a new automobile yesterday. Commissioners Bigelow and Daly were out of sympathy with the new purchase, and possibly another member or two questioned the plan. Action was postponed to May 5.

NO LUCK AT ALL. I know, although I can't say why. That I'm a most unlucky guy. The cinder-blow into my eye. The tree came always down by. The eggs I have to eat are stale. Each day brings "dope cures" in my mail. I buy, I borrow there's a sale. And so I lose a bunch of kale!

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INTERPRETATIONS OF CHICAGO ELECTION. From the Literary Digest. AFTER a campaign which the New York World called a "Donnybrook" and which was described by the Chicago Tribune on election morning as "a trivium puffed with wind and filled with sound," Chicago elects William Hale Thompson mayor by a record-breaking plurality of some 139,000 votes.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS. Ex-Governor Miles C. Moore of Washington, one of the pioneers residents of Walla Walla, was among the firsts to go to the new strike in Alder Gulch, at that time a part of Idaho, now a part of Montana.

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