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THE PRESS APPROVES THERE is a singular unanimity among United States newspapers in commending the American note replying to Ambassador Bernstorff's criticism of American neutrality.

The spirit, the tone, the purpose, the breadth, the firmness and the dictation of the note are all topics of wide editorial approval. Seldom does a state paper so completely disarm criticism and so fully call for endorsement from both a politically friendly and politically hostile press.

The American note made it clear that this government will not discuss with any other nation our relations with Great Britain and Mexico. It declared that this government will not yield any of its rights as against any and all belligerents.

EXPECTING BUSY TIMES THE Iron Trade Review says that the buying of iron ore by the steel makers has started. Sales of 700,000 tons on the basis of 1914 prices were made last week, in spite of the fact that it was not expected that the buying movement would be started at any time in the near future.

THE Oregon institution holds the record against the world for the highest number of eggs produced by a single hen in 12 months. By experimentation, Professor Dryden has fully established that it is possible by breeding and care to enormously increase the average egg production, a result that is of incomparable value in the economies of the industry.

THE PARTY LABEL FOUR bills establishing non-partisan state elections in California have been signed by Governor Johnson. Under them no candidate for political office, except candidates for representative in congress and United States senator, will have a party label.

Partisans say parties are necessary to good government, and William Barnes Jr., of New York, says party government cannot exist without bosses. Testimony already given in the Barnes-Roosevelt libel suit shows what party government has done to New York state. It has turned the people over to the exploiters, and bipartisan politics has aided.

THE MIDNIGHT RESOLUTION

THE Oregonian says any legislator who is recorded as voting for the midnight resolution, does not "justify himself in the slightest degree" by saying now that he did not understand the pernicious purpose of the measure.

What honest legislator ever suspected that a resolution, hurried in at 3 a. m. the forty-second day of the session, proposed a free gift of 2,300,000 acres of forfeited grant lands to a railroad corporation?

The Journal doesn't believe there is a member of the House who would knowingly vote for a measure so pernicious. The very fact that the resolution was not presented in the House until midnight of the last night, proves that there was a deliberate plan to work it through without giving members a chance to know its real purpose.

The Journal believes that many members of the House recorded as voting "aye" did not vote for the resolution at all. We have Representative D. C. Lewis' statement that, though both were recorded as voting for the resolution, neither he nor Mr. Horne did so, and it is a statement worthy of highest respect.

The Oregonian ought not to question the word and cast insinuations at such men. Nor should it impugn the good faith of such men as Senators Kellaher, Langguth and Farrell, who have all testified that if they voted for the resolution at all, they did so under a failure to grasp its pernicious purpose.

A measure which proposed nothing less than the abandonment of \$50,000,000 worth of grant lands to a railroad after a court has declared them forfeited to the government, is not one for a midnight vote.

California's new laws are a sign of the times. Hereafter no candidate for local office in that state will be permitted to appeal for support on the strength of the particular party label he wears.

AN OREGON SHOWING AN incident of the San Francisco Exposition is the remarkable showing made by Oregon poultry in the international egg-laying contest, which is to continue for 12 months.

Three pens of hens are entered from the Oregon Agricultural college, and the present standing is a gratifying result for Oregon people, and an extraordinary achievement for Professor James Dryden, head of the department of poultry at the institution.

HIGH PEN FOR FIVE MONTHS, J. D. Adams, Canada, 607 eggs; second highest pen, O. A. C., Lehigh, 550 eggs; third highest pen, Tom, England, 546 eggs; fourth highest pen, O. A. C., Barred Plymouth Rocks, 527 eggs; fifth highest pen, O. A. C., Crosses, 523 eggs.

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL FOR THE MONTH, O. A. C., Cross hen, 39 eggs; fifth highest for month, O. A. C., Barred Plymouth Rocks, 21 eggs.

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL RECORD FOR FIVE MONTHS, New York hen, 90 eggs; second, O. A. C., Cross, 83 eggs; third, O. A. C., Cross, 82 eggs; fourth, O. A. C., Lehigh, 81 eggs.

POSTERS AND HIGHWAYS RHODE ISLAND has a new law against posting advertisements on trees and fences along public highways.

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT WHEN the old liberty bell leaves Philadelphia this summer on its journey to the Pacific coast it will be the ninth journey it has made since it was hung in the old State House 160 years ago.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

It's sometimes safer to throw kisses at a widow than it is to hand them to her. A man never wants you to agree with him when he speaks lightly of his own ability.

A poor man need not think that any of the fine folks going to name their babies after him. When a girl tells a conceited youth that the best is none too good for her, it's up to him to propose.

When the horse may become extinct in time, the donkey will remain with us until society is reduced to a ragtime philosopher says that only two men were created, a woman, equal—and one of them was a woman.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE Women are fond of gold, but not of golden silence. Many a family bible is more ornamental than useful.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS Corvete scalp money paid out by the county clerk of the Oregon Times from April 3 to April 24 totaled \$1086.50.

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CONSTANTINOPLE, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The allied attack by land and sea forces upon the Turkish strongholds that guard the way to Constantinople again bring this historic city in to the public eye.

Guglielmo Ferrero, the eminent historian, has prepared an article concerning Constantinople that, insofar as it deals with the past, is replete with historic interest.

In dealing with the future of the city, Ferrero assumes that the allies will be successful. He sees the banishment of the Sultan from Europe and the transformation of the Sultan's capital into a center of commerce and culture.

It is a gruesome picture that Herbert Corey paints of the soldiers' life in the trenches. He had the opportunity of visiting the German trenches in Flanders at a point only 100 yards distant from the English trenches.

He observed at close hand how the brutal task of killing men is being performed. He witnessed an exchange of mines hurled between the opposing forces. He peered through the portholes and saw the bodies of a few brave fellows whose lives have been sacrificed in their country's cause.

And he has written his observations in a manner that will appeal to all.

THE usual amount of good things for milady will be included in THE SUNDAY JOURNAL, especially in Section Four, where the news of the week in society, the realm of music, and among women's organizations is complemented by three pages of features for maid and matron.

ANNE RITTENHOUSE will sound the newest notes in the fashion world, and none writes with better authority or in a more clever fashion.

SARAH HALE HUNTER has designed some work for the needlewoman that is of the high class that ever characterizes her work.

DOROTHY DOLAN has prepared another page for the housekeeper full of suggestions to lighten her burden.

MME. QUI VIVE in her beauty page, that will appear in THE SUNDAY JOURNAL Magazine, tells how fresh air is the greatest doctor of them all in her comment upon the value of sleeping out of doors.

A JAPANESE WISTARIA—The photographer on his rounds snapped one of the huge flowering vines that adorn many Portland homes at this season of the year, which makes a most attractive page in color.

LOUIS HILL'S PARTY—The same being an account of a collection of heroes assembled by the railroad magnate, well known in Portland, and what transpired at their merry little dinner.

ANATOMICAL WORTH—The question is asked and answered as to the respective money-earning power of one's hand, arm, foot and throat, in which the experiences of the premier pianists, pugilists, dancers and singers are cited.

CLEMENCIA'S CRISIS—Continued story by Edith Ogden Harrison.

RANDOM FACTS—Two pages of miscellaneous matter, including popular science paragraphs; flashes of fun, anecdotes about the great and near great and selected cartoons.

FOR THE CHILDREN CHARLES A. OGDEN, "The Cart of a Farm Man," and GEORGENE FAULNER, "The Story Lady," have been very busy this week, and their efforts surely will please the boys and girls on Sunday.

THE COMIC SECTION Complete in four news sections, magazine and illustrated supplement and comic section, 5 cents the copy everywhere.

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