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AMERICA ASKS NOTHING FOR HERSELF BUT WHAT SHE HAS A RIGHT TO ASK FOR HUMANITY ITSELF. WOODROW WILSON.

THE PEOPLE WILL COME TO THEIR OWN AND LASTING GOD IS NOT MOCKED FOREVER. JOHN HAY.

THE RATE DECISION

THE action of the Interstate Commerce commission in the Astoria rate decision is unexpectedly unusual.

MR. STORY

CORPORATION LAWYER

STORY of Boston is opposing Mr. Brandeis. Mr. Story is full of the idea of social caste.

RURAL CREDITS

AGRICULTURE in the United States has two pressing needs. The first is cheap and accessible capital.

PNEUMONIA

PNEUMONIA is one of the diseases which it is well to think about a little. It kills more people than any other except tuberculosis and heart trouble.

TEACHER AND TEXTBOOK

THE tendency with some of our more progressive school authorities is to put the textbook in the teacher's place.

outside its consecrated lids he is liable to lose his position. He endangers the smooth progress of the educational juggernaut.

The recent forced resignation of a teacher under charges of "going outside the prescribed textbooks" illustrates this discouraging state of affairs.

It is well known that textbooks are in no sense literature. They are usually written by hacks for petty remuneration.

One of the "fads" taught in the Portland schools is sewing—real sewing. This year the children have made for themselves or their sisters 30,000 garments.

President Harris of Northwestern university declares that the hyper-advanced American is far less dangerous than the local American whose sympathies extend no farther than the limits of his daily walks.

FRANCE has the best rural credit system in the world. It works first through the famous Credit Foncier which, as we are reminded by "The Farmers' Open Forum," was established in 1852.

THE Credit Foncier offers farmers short time loans at 3 per cent. The long loans are still cheaper and may run for 75 years payable in equal annual installments.

That is why Mr. Story opposes Mr. Brandeis. Mr. Brandeis is to be loved for the manner of his making. Their opposition is his best credential for confirmation and a monument to his understanding of American institutions.

When some of our statement characterize the Wilson administration as a failure they mean to say that they know some one who could do the job better but that modesty forbids them to say who it is.

The Credit Agricole makes short loans on personal security at five per cent and less. The long loans may be for 15 years and draw 2 per cent interest.

The Credit Agricole pursues the same policy as the Danish government. Both France and Denmark have

initiated a "back to the land" movement, but neither country relies solely upon exhortation and oratory to keep it up.

The Civil Service Commission of New York does not believe as Julius Caesar, that obese men make the best officials.

The Oregon Life insurance company came into existence in 1906. It was established by L. Samuel, its present manager, now assisted by his son Clarence.

"Let me repeat that the success of Oregon Life has been marvelous. It has been extremely satisfactory. Yet it could be better if each citizen did but realize the benefits accruing in keeping every dollar at home it is possible to detain here."

There are nothing the matter with Portland. It was but a village then, but the natural, unmatchable artistic surroundings charmed my young mind and caused me to select this as the best place I ever had seen in which to make a home.

There is nothing the matter with Portland. The village of that hour is the city of this, and I still am of the same opinion.

Do you suppose President Wilson would have to make a tour of the country to arouse patriotism if the majority of the people had homes and loved living and working on their own land?

It is a high class business, too, peculiarly conducted. Its "peculiarity" consists in its utter refusal to do business outside the state of Oregon.

If one's home should be an inch beyond the confines of reliable old Webfoot, the door of this institution is closed to him.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Alaska's proposed aeroplane mail service suggests that every dog has his day. Was the merchantman carrying T. B. Downey with an armed vessel on that account?

It would be better still if Portland's proposed shipbuilding plant was getting ready to build ships for Portland. Hood River has only 27,000 boxes of apples stored. It is a sorry sight to see a town with such a fine crop of fruit and no way to dispose of it.

The Virginia legislature in defeating a dress reform bill wisely decided not to hold a woman accountable for what she does not.

"To live is to think," says a Pennsylvania university professor, thus explaining why there are so many dead oracles cluttering up the world.

Chief Grey Eagle of the Umattila reservation, hunting for his wife in Chicago cabarets, also advertised Oregon, but not in the right way.

Portland having annexed the Pacific coast ice locking commission, the Beavers might begin their spring training with a close study of how it was done.

New York staged a charity ball which cost \$75,000 and the proceeds amounted to \$10,000. At any rate, a lot of charity was shown in calling it a charity ball.

The author of "Darius Green and His Flying Machine" has just died. But he lived long enough to learn of the death of Darius Greens doing a lot more than the original even attempted.

Senator Stone deprecates attempts to make political capital out of the president's pardon of the "Wobblies." "Deplore" is an entirely inadequate word for the ordinary American not hampered by senatorial considerations.

PLENTY OF POWER UNDER FERRIS BILL

Undoubtedly the people of the Pacific coast and mountain states would like to see all their idle water powers developed, provided they can find a market, and to have them developed just as rapidly as the needs call for.

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The Once Over

BY BILLY BARKER

OUT IN THE COUNTRY—the peach are beginning to show pink—and the sweet-birds' fragrant leaves are unfolding—and a few early birds are crooning around—kind of tuning up their voices.

Of course—I haven't been out in the country to see for myself. —but I got a letter this morning from up the valley.

And it said that the hens are out—following along in the freshly turned furrows—picking up anguimorms.

And there are some young lambs down in the pasture—skipping about—their chubby little legs.

And the water has gone back into their channels.

And things are dry enough to burn.

And the smoke goes up—very blue—followed by the hissing pile.

—as if to match the blue of the sky. —and things are dry enough to burn.

And at evening—when the smoke has gone down—the meadows—like a veil of enchantment.

And many and many a poet with spring in his blood—has sung his sweetest songs.

And it affects everybody — I guess.

For instance—there's Kernel Clark Wood—editor of the esteemed Weston Leader.

In his case—the usual springtime symptoms—or one of them—seems to be complicated with leprosy.

This—of course—is a very rare case—and a poisonous chap is that there's no mistaking such signs as these:

The news that Billie Burke gets \$300 a week reminds us of that time symptoms—on of these.

I wouldn't say this—except that there's no mistaking such signs as these:

I'm going to overlook the reference to money—because I know it was just put in—to make it appear that the paragraph is a jest.

—and country editors don't care for money.

And I don't know—exactly—where Billie Burke is just now.

A while ago she was down in Los Angeles—getting him to pass Kernel Wood's offer along.

I think Billie should know of her Oregon opportunity.

And I'm willing to make arrangements for the happy day.

We could have it if Billie is willing—and Kernel Wood doesn't back out—as one of the features of the Pendleton Round-up.

Kernel Wood could come over from Athens—and pick up of seaboard.

And I'd get W. A. Van Scoy—the moving picture man—to go up from Portland.

—and we'd get pictures of it.

—and the crowd would yell.

—and the cowboys would shoot up in the air.

—and I'd write a story—full of words.

—and everything.

And we'd have a perfectly lovely time.

TO THE DRAFF. By Virginia Daff. I have often said and dreamed. Why the first spring flowers we see come all gaily decked in yellow. I see you know the story. They are concentrated sunbeams. Caught and saved by winter's care. Then thrown back in golden radiance. As to make a world of rain.