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It is much easier to be critical than to be correct. —Diarrail.

PLAYING THE GERMAN GAME

THE GERMAN game can only wish that the action of the senate may express the wish of America for a separate peace with the central powers.

Apparently Senator Lodge is the soul of the opposition. The senator is no German hater. . . . When he and other important senators fight the peace treaty their course means that the treaty displeases them because in the excessive enslavement of Germany for which America would be forever co-responsible.

That is to say, the Lodge idea is the German idea. Lodge wants the peace treaty scuttled and Germany wants the peace treaty scuttled.

Senator Knox, partner with Lodge, declared in a speech on the floor of the senate that the terms on Germany are "hard and cruel." . . . Knox declared for a separate peace with Germany, and "we Germans," according to Von Scheller Steinwartz of Berlin, "can only wish that the American people may come to favor the conclusion of a separate peace."

Nobody can blame the Germans for wanting a separate peace. The German junkers who brought on the war would view with infinite delight the spectacle of America deserting the allies, and, hat in hand, humbly begging the German government for the privilege of negotiating a private German-American peace.

Whether with or without an understanding with German politicians, the Lodge senators are playing the German game of dividing America at home, seeking to separate America from the allies and make a separate peace with Germany.

is, at the present time, noted particularly for its lack of system. It is a hodge podge and the effort of officials to unify and standardize the written record of county affairs is a commendable one.

It will be remembered that the legislature enacted such a law a few years ago, placing the task of putting the county records on a uniform basis of accounting in the hands of the state insurance commissioner.

County officials should have no difficulty in solving the problem through the presentation of a bill that would be satisfactory to themselves and which would at the same time accomplish its purpose.

GOVERNOR OLCOTT very probably stepped outside the strict and technical boundaries of his official jurisdiction when he notified Pilot Commissioner Nelson of Astoria that he must satisfactorily prove himself guiltless of employing a disloyal alien in his private business or else submit his resignation as a state official.

Government, whether national, state or municipal, must of necessity be loyal to itself and its precepts else it must ultimately fail. It can not be wholly loyal when those in charge of its administrative functions wink at disloyalty, either in official or in private life.

But beyond and beside this trusteeship which public men hold, the war has taught that private citizenship has its trust to keep. There is both potency and logic in the slogan that America is for Americans.

The expectation that business will continue active is indicated in the many new corporations organizing in Oregon. Scarcely a day passes in which papers for the organizing of five or more corporations and increases in the capital stock of old ones are not filed with the commissioner of corporations at Salem.

SHOCKING conditions of oversight and neglect have been found to exist at the Washington state school for the deaf at Vancouver, according to a report just filed by the state bureau of inspection.

Lack of appropriation to care for inspection is given as one cause for the conditions found to exist, so the report says, but it is not a compelling reason. If the report is true the fault lies with the management and the inspection, or its lack, is merely incidental.

during the year, though the report shows that victims of the weed have used fewer cigars, and less smoking and chewing tobacco during the last fiscal period than for any similar space of time during the past seven years.

Those curiously inclined have hazarded many guesses as to just why the cigarette habit has seemingly taken so much stronger a hold on the population than formerly, one being that the increasing use of cigarettes by women is partly responsible for it.

On the other hand, the decrease in consumption of cigars and chewing and smoking tobacco may be traced in perceptible degree to the high cost of living which has grasped not only the necessities but the luxuries of life in its relentless grip.

Sixty-five cents a pound, with 70 cents offered for a 24-hour option on hops, are figures quoted to a Marion county grower. Ninety per cent of the American crop is said to have been acquired by Europe, where a short crop in England and a near hop failure in the war zone of Central Europe have contributed to the sensational price.

JUDGE LOBDELL, one of the strong men on the Federal Farm Loan board, was in Portland Thursday on a tour of inspection of the farm loan banks.

Though himself a banker, Judge Lobdell is an enthusiastic and devoted believer in the farm loan system. His experience in banking in Kansas, where he came in close touch with farm credits and farmers' needs, made him an advocate of the system long before it was made a part of the law of the country.

The system has already proven to be highly successful. In spite of the war, and in spite of the high prices of farm products, the farm banks have shown remarkable growth. The Spokane bank, after an existence of but little more than two years, has loaned \$300,000, and has already declared a dividend. Most, if not all the other banks, will declare a dividend by the first of the year.

By the first of the year \$1,000,000 of the \$9,000,000 advanced by the government in helping underwrite the banks will be paid off. At the present rate, the entire \$9,000,000 will, within a few years, be absorbed by the banks and the debt to the government be wiped out. In this sign of prosperity there is fine proof of the stability of the system.

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stories may be made as well known through advertising as the products of the soil. The campaign of the association of Oregon industries would be worth while if it only brought as a result a knowledge of the value of skillful, truthful and persistent advertising to the individual manufacturers.

The annual crop shortage has returned. It is the ripe fruit of former railroad buccaneering. There were so many exposures of rotteness in railroad financing that the public became afraid to invest in railroad securities.

Lodge's carefully prepared speech marked the beginning of a new era. It contained a series of "reservations," but it breathed all the way through a spirit of hostility to anything except "permit America to follow the path she has followed in the past. It was an attack upon any kind of a league.

It is my opinion that no matter how dire the liquor laws may be made, they can never be efficiently enforced, as so many temperance people sympathize with the victims. Stills are springing up everywhere. As fast as a sheriff locates one or two, others are popping up like mushrooms.

Portland, Sept. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I have read the editorial in the general public that the city of Portland should change the numbers on residences and business places to correspond with the new street numbering system.

Increasing bitterness has come with the later stages of debate. The hard-headed opponents of the treaty are beginning to get more and more aggressive. Republicans who believe in the league and believe the treaty should be ratified.

How strange it is to see the historic "war party" of the United States taking today positions that run athwart the country's deep-trained patriotic impulses.

Ordered by a brakeman from a freight-train on which he was beating his way, Leo Burke, aged 20, missed his footing, fell beneath the car wheels and his left arm had to be amputated below the shoulder.

THE State Association of County Judges and Commissioners, now in annual convention in Portland, has appointed a committee to draft a bill for a uniform system of audits and accounts in county affairs throughout the state.

neer, who went ashore with a companion to hunt. While the two were inland a gale forced the ship to put to sea.

Government Control of Liquor. Gladstone, Sept. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I think the high cost of the anti-prohibitionists were quite willing to see the last of the saloons, but I think the liquor business should be put under government control, and liquor issued when necessary, or under a physician's orders.

Street and House Numbering. Portland, Sept. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I have read the editorial in the general public that the city of Portland should change the numbers on residences and business places to correspond with the new street numbering system.

Nature's Evils Discussed. Portland, Sept. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I have read your paper entitled "Nature's Evils," by Mrs. Viola Burr, in which she tried to explain to Mr. Johnson the meaning of the word "nature." . . . Nature is a nice spot—somehow here in Portland's surroundings, I suppose. Certainly a nice place in this old earth.

Hatred of Wilson Bound to Recoil on Haters. From the Chicago Post (Republican). How strange it is to see the historic "war party" of the United States taking today positions that run athwart the country's deep-trained patriotic impulses.

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Treasure Seeking Expedition Missing in the Arctic. From the New York Evening Post. No word of the 27 adventurers who in July sailed aboard Robert Louis Stevenson's old vessel, the Casco, for some mysterious land in Northern Siberia, had been received in the far North-west yet.

The Control of Profiteering. Ashland, Sept. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal.—A communication in the Journal of September 6 headed "Money Control," signed "Workingman," sounded the battle of profiteering.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says. The American people all pay high a ratonary price and with the advice and consent of the United States senate, but this idea of lovin' a couple of hundred millions dollars a month in trade when the high price rates on the league of nations ain't a-goin' to be as pop'lar or as funny as a movie to a whole lot of business folk.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. The boys' pig clubs are putting the win in swine.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. (Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written only to the editor, and must be signed by the writer, whose mail address in full must accompany each communication.)

IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN. By Fred Lockley. (The return of a Portland pastor who did not take the three items heading the above list to an attorney. Mr. Desnoyes says: "We had enormous quantities bought in the United States, but we could not get them in France.")

Curious Bits of Information for the Curious. Gleaned From Curious Places. Mount Hecla, or Hekla, is a volcano in Iceland, near the southwest coast, about 5110 feet high, which has been almost constantly in a state of eruption since the ninth century of the Christian era.

A Question Above Parly. From the Baker Democrat. Portland will be overcrowded on the occasion of President Wilson's visit there next week. His reception will be nonpartisan, for after all, the great question upon which the president will address the people, "The League of Nations," is above party politics.

That New Bridge is a Dandy. From the Coquille Sentinel. The new bridge over the gulch at the crossing of Hill and Front streets has been completed by the city and opened for travel. It is a most substantial structure, and presents an attractive appearance.

Olden Oregon. Oregon Country's Boundaries Before the Treaty Settlement. Prior to the boundary treaty of June, 1846, fixing the boundary line between the United States and Canada from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific ocean, the Oregon country was definitely bounded on the south by north latitude 42 degrees and on the north by an undetermined line, claimed by the United States as being 54 degrees and 40 minutes north latitude.

The News in Paragraphs

World Happenings Briefed for Benefit of Journal Readers. OREGON NOTES. Patrolling of the national forests by airplane will be continued until November.

Alfred E. Babcock post of the American Legion at Albany has passed the 100 men in membership. After 17 consecutive years as assistant assessor of Linn county, Earl L. Pfifer has tendered his resignation.

Shipments of cattle from Pilot Rock to the city of Astoria, Thurston county, have been ordered to stop by the state department of agriculture. The state department of agriculture has ordered that all the stock cars that can possibly be sent to the branch line.

WASHINGTON. Benton county's population is increasing so rapidly that a new courthouse is being planned. The assessed valuation of Yakima county property this year is more than \$4,000,000 higher than last year.

At the Thomas Erwin sale at Prosser Thursday six registered Jersey cows were sold for \$425. It was a good hammer. A 6-weeks-old calf sold for \$150 and a 10-weeks-old calf sold for \$125.

Cholera has appeared in five northern provinces of China. In Shanghai and its environs 10,000 cases have developed. The nomination of William Gonzales of Columbia, S. C., to be American minister to September 18 is the time set for the joint session of congress to receive General Pershing, when a sword of honor will be presented to him.