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WHEN LEAGUERS COME—No. 19

IN COLORADO, the Non-partisan league was sweeping through the state until recruiting was interrupted by events of the war. About 20 organizers were in the field. The field manager was a preacher named Maxwell...

Thus, the very opening topic on which the farmers are approached by the organizers is an issue that has troubled farmers from the days of their boyhood to the silver-haired time of age, and from generation to generation...

Here is the way a league organizer, addressing a farmer's meeting at a schoolhouse in Clarke county, Washington, opened his speech:

How many of you have ever had anything to say about the price of commodities or raw material that you take to the market? Have you ever taken anything from your farm home into the market with any other question on your lips than "How much are you paying for it today?"

Between the great things that we cannot do, and the small things that we will not do, there is a middle ground where things do nothing—Adolphus Menck.

There is not a man on the committee of 15 that would think for one minute of entrusting the management of his private business to the average Multnomah delegation in the Oregon legislature.

At the legislature the Multnomah delegation is a dominant force. Often good men are in it, but on the average it is mainly composed of politicians. These politicians take it into their heads to make changes in the port commission. Reasons are never given. The people are never consulted. The members of the delegation stand together and the legislative body accedes to their wishes.

It is an unthinkable method of selecting the managers of a twenty million dollar property. It is absurd to thus turn over to politics and political thimberling the control of great properties in which the people have millions of dollars invested and on which they are spending other millions of public money.

At Salem we have repeatedly seen a little whippersnapper legislator move before the Multnomah delegation that some member of the port commission be removed and another man be named in his place. Nobody knows what secret interest the new man represents. Nobody knows what the purpose is. Nobody knows any reason for thus disturbing the plans and policies of the port commission.

but is shared both by some politicians and some pedestrians.
It indicates an assumption on the part of the driver that he owns the road. No one else has a right to cross the street when he honks a horn. It is the duty of all traffic to get out of the way. If a pedestrian doesn't move fast enough, why—he gets hit. He should have moved faster, is the way this driver would seem to sum up the reasons for the collision.

There are pedestrians who deliberate in the path of machines. Apparently pervaded by a spirit of Bolshevism, they sometimes place themselves in front of a car and stop, sneering at drivers who are forced to come to a stop. That is a reflection of the same thought in the minds of pedestrians.

THE TREATY AND THE SENATE

Washington, April 24.—This series of articles has been brought to the point where it is necessary to consider the situation which confronted members of the senate when they came to vote on ratification on March 19.

At one time it seemed the treaty might pass through an insurrection by its Republican friends against Lodge's alliance with the irascible and unyielding McCreary.

It was the aviator who went up seven miles was the first man to look out on space from the top of the sky. He says that all he saw when he looked above and around was a bluish darkness. Around him was no dust, nothing to reflect light, no clouds, only the blue blackness of space.

It was under these conditions that President Wilson wrote Senator Hitchcock on March 8 declaring the reservation and accepting the treaty as it appeared to be "not interpretations of the articles to which it is proposed to attach them, but in effect virtual nullification of those articles."

It is clearly indicated by the manner in which those securities without the stock of the company are distributed on the New York stock exchange commanded prices in advance of the previous low levels.

So many kinds of people profess "100 per cent Americanism" that it becomes a question of what the phrase really means. If it is "100 per cent Americanism" to evade taxes, cheat the government, profiteer on foodstuffs or juggle war contracts, let that be fairly understood.

His auto the driver, in his report to the police, laconically described the accident thus:
"I sounded my horn. He failed to get out of the way. I hit him." The spirit, judged by his report of the accident, if it can be called an accident, is the spirit that often causes injuries. It is not peculiar, either, to drivers.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE
Wonderful weather!
Callaux isn't the first notable Frenchman to be exiled.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE
[Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 100 words, and should be accompanied by the writer's name, which will be printed unless otherwise directed.]

YAMHILL COUNTY NON-PARTISAN FORUM
McMinnville, April 22.—To the Editor of The Journal:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your copy of the resolution in favor of an independent primary offered at the Yamhill County Forum was an effort to bring the Non-partisan League into the big city.

IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN
By Fred Lockley
In this and succeeding installments Mr. Lockley will tell the story of his impressions and observations among Opal's intimate associates in her own home town in Oregon.

EX-SOLDIERS AS POLICEMEN
Portland, April 11.—To the Editor of The Journal:—Since the death of Wayne Cason I have noticed several articles in the Portland News regarding the killing of Cason by the police force, owing to their status, look ridiculous.

SINGLE TAX
Ridgefield, Wash., April 21.—To the Editor of The Journal:—Please tell me the meaning of the "single tax" as it is now advocated in the state of Washington. Does it relieve the grocery men, manufacturing plants and other business houses from paying taxes on their stocks?

Olden Oregon
Completion of the North Boundary Line of Oregon in 1864.
An act was passed by congress June 25, 1864, providing for the forty-sixth parallel of latitude so far as it constituted a boundary between Oregon and Washington.

Curious Bits of Information For the Curious
Gleaned From Curious Places
The last Arctic "sea cow" was seen in 1854—about a century after the first discovery of her kind by the white men. When full grown, the creature weighed as much as 8000 pounds.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:
In Portland if you get run over by a truck skiddin' they pick up the pieces and they say "it was a bad accident." You get run over 'cause the feller didn't see you in time or his brakes didn't work or something, why, it's mighty un-fortunate, and sympathy goes out in great gobs for the feller that has to see his business, or his 20' ridin' go down to the coroner and explain about it. They tell you folks that

The Oregon Country

OREGON NOTES
Frank E. Cross will be appointed postmaster at Hilo, Tillamook county.
County School Superintendent Byland has been elected chairman of the Astoria Board of Education.

WASHINGTON
Steve Petrovsky, who recently killed City Jailor Nelson at Spokane, has been found insane by a lunacy commission.
Sugar harvest at Spokane from 17 1/2 to 18 1/2 cents a pound and 10 to 15 cents to each customer put into effect.

IDAHO
Idaho fish hatcheries are running to full capacity, reports Fish Commissioner I. S. Fuller.
According to a decision of Probate Judge J. W. Smith in Pocatello, Idaho, illegible to serve as jurors in Idaho.

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