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It is another's fault if he is ungrateful... It is mine if I do not give. To find one thankful man I will oblige a great many that are not so.

IN THE SCRAP HEAP

THE Allied Commission of Control has been and is destroying German tanks by the score. The commission has destroyed military airplanes, heavy field pieces and poison gas machines.

Thirty-five thousand cannon of all kinds have been sent to the scrap heap. More than 160,000 machine guns have been destroyed. Almost three million guns and the material for manufacturing them have been junked.

The German people were for years taxed to purchase that armament. They paid for a large army and for its equipment. They bought battleships. The German nation was heavily armed.

At the same time, other countries were purchasing armaments and other peoples were strapped to pay their taxes. They were competing with Germany.

As a result of it all, European countries were armed to the teeth. They had the rifles, the cannon, the airplanes, and the machine guns. They were ready for battle.

An excuse presented itself and the battle was on. Ten million lives were spent and billions upon billions in wealth. Europe was stripped of wealth, of man power, of resources, to fight a conflict that would never have occurred had the nations of Europe been unprepared.

Now the armament that cost millions to train, cost millions to maintain, and cost millions to equip, is in the scrap heap. The fleet that cost billions to build and maintain and man, is destroyed.

The equipment is passing away under the direction of the allied commission.

make satisfactory returns freight cars must run loaded in both directions. When he was satisfied that a region would sustain life and develop traffic, he sent his railroad line out far ahead of settlement. Then he would inaugurate a campaign for colonists.

James J. Hill was a giant figure in the building of the last West. That which he left incomplete was the full possession of this great region by the free people whose heritage it is, and that can only be done by larger plan and large organization capable of employing land and water, power and transportation, in the creation of a really magnificent theatre of their activities.

The opportunity to reclaim the great areas, out of the reach of individual enterprise, awaits other men with the far vision and the constructive genius of the Empire Builder.

THEIR BIG PROFITS

IN THE debate at Salem on the irrigation bills, a member of the house declared that irrigation bonds are very poor security.

Why poor security? Mr. Burdick asserted that irrigation bonds are sold on the Portland market at \$1.01. Mr. Gallagher declared that the Warm Springs project bonds were sold by the brokers at \$1 to \$1.02.

Bonds on a sound irrigation project should be first class security. They are subject to none of the whims of the public as is true of utility securities under public service commissions. The security is the land, and land under production is a going concern.

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There is an excellent prospect for competitive building of battleships among the leading nations of the world. Germany and England entered on such a race and the world is badly scarred from the war that followed.

While sanding slippery streets for the protection of horses, why not do something to extend the humane impulse for the benefit of pedestrians?

Sprained ankles and bruised heads resulted from a series of falls observed on one of the stanting sidewalks, rain wet and oil filled, one day last week.

quent slipping. Oil which drops from the transmission of the motors is carried to the sidewalks by thousands of the feet of those who slip.

A Pennsylvania editor printed a scandal story about an unnamed business man recently. During the evening eight men came to his office to lick him. Apparently it is better to mention names.

FROM A WINDJAMMER

BILLY GOODE was a sailor. Many were the ports he entered as a seaman on a British windjammer. Then it was as purser in the British mercantile marine.

He was young, adventurous, had an active brain and body, and was strong. He was ambitious, but had no obvious starting point on the road to success. He had no aid, no powerful friends, no place made for him.

He tired of the sea and was next found as a trooper in the Fourth cavalry, U. S. A. That didn't suit him. He tried the newspaper field as a reporter on a San Francisco paper. From there he went to New York, still a news writer. He became city editor of the New York Evening Mercury and during the Evening-American war represented a large press association on board Admiral Sampson's flagship.

In 1904 he went to London to become news editor of the Standard and later joint news editor of the Daily Mail. A few years later Herbert Hoover went to Belgium. He needed an able assistant. He heard of Billy Goode, went over to England and got him, and made him his right hand man in Belgium.

When Mr. Hoover returned to the United States Billy Goode was left in charge of the work in Europe, later to become an important official of the British food ministry. Today he sits in a palatial office in Vienna, pushes a button, and sends for the premier of Austria. He is now Sir William Athelstan Meredith Goode, K. E. E., chairman of the Austrian section of the international reparations commission and chief representative of the British treasury in Austria.

He is known as the uncrowned king of Austria, wielding as much power as the Hapsburgs in former days. Billy Goode combined ambition, ability and industry, and thereby rose from the deck of a windjammer to become one of the powerful men of Europe.

R. L. Sabin, L. J. Goldsmith and F. W. Mulker are to be the initial tax commission under the Gordon bill which has passed the senate, if the house accepts the senate amendments and the bill becomes a law. It is a redeeming fact that the original commission would be composed of men of such high character. Neither would be likely to abuse the tremendous power committed to the hands of the commission.

STAR GAZING

EVEN before the sun retires behind the curtains of night these days, Venus lights her torch in the western sky and strives, with at least the result of general attention, to outshine both Sol and Luna.

DISARMAMENT'S DELAYS

Borah's Resolution for a Tripartite Agreement Sets the Editors Debating. Mainly as to Whether Action Should be Taken for or Against Taking the New National Administration.

Daily Editorial Digest Consolidated Press Association. The Borah resolution calling for an international conference on disarmament has started discussion in the press less over the proposal than over the vast majority of commentators admit, than over the question as to whether or not action upon it should be postponed until the President-elect Harding takes office.

Mr. Root's objection to allowing the present international negotiations with Great Britain and Japan for a naval holiday has many supporters in the press, who urge that it will be useless to discuss policies that have not been discussed in the past. The New Orleans Times Picayune (Ind. Dem.) goes into more detail than most in explaining what he holds to be the real cause for his desire for postponement. It says: "Both (Root and Borah) foresee that a comprehensive disarmament program is impossible under the conditions of the present international situation."

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In the resolution the Cleveland Plain Dealer (Ind.) declares that "the most serious factor in the 'stamped-out' economy in the matter of national defense" and points out that "it does not prosper economy at the expense of security, but security at the expense of prosperity before we leap." To the San Antonio Light (Ind.) it is an opportunity for congress to take a step toward the performance of a service for the benefit of all nations, as well as their own. The Birmingham News (Dem.) finds the plan "the fairest and the most possible over and above seeking to minimize the possibility of great wars."

The point of view of labor, as interpreted by the Seattle Union Record (Lab.), seems favorable. "We are glad Senator Borah is plunging away. Labor favors disarmament, right now, under the present system; if it cannot be under the present system, then labor favors the restoration of the tariff system. Senator Borah is plunging away. Go on; we are plunging with you." The New York Herald (Ind.) and the New York Tribune (Rep.) are hardly enthusiastic over the former, but the latter feels that "the issue which this country must settle with itself and nobody else" is not "how many more warships we must have, but how many more miles of coast line, how much shipping population and wealth 'we have to defend and preserve.' The Tribune thinks that the state is 'to give a specific, and in all probability Japan and Great Britain will welcome 'the opportunity to have some of the new year program of construction for a certain period.'"

Curious Bits of Information

Gleaned From Curious Places. Father Crespi, who came to California on the expedition with Peralta in 1769, was the first, says the San Francisco Call, to write of the redwood tree. In fact, he christened it "Palo Colorado" or "Redwood." To give a specific record of the discovery of the red tree, we came, October 10, on some tall trees of reddish colored wood, of species unknown to us, having large, and unlike those of the cedar, and without a cedar odor, and as we knew not the name

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

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SINGLE TAX AT EDMONTON

Statement by one on the Ground in Reply to One Alleging Failure. Portland, Feb. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal: The following communication for which no space in The Journal was written in response to a letter I sent the Westerner, a newspaper published at Calgary, Alberta: Calgary, Alta., February 9, 1921. J. R. Brown, editor of the Single Tax League, Portland, Or. Dear Sir: Yours of the fourth regarding the crash in the country is very interesting but not true. Have you ever seen a person undergoing a single tax? Usually the individual has been sick for some time. The day after the operation, generally speaking, the patient is well. Of course, if an anti-single taxer came around to see him at that time he would say that the patient was in the dailies run by the cash register, some of the things that he had heard by operation. Doctor Nearly Cures Kuhn of Prominent Citizen. System Shocked by Redwood. Vast Quantities of Blood Lost.

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SHADE TREES CONSIDERED

Over-Shading Alleged, With Special Reference to Growth of Maple. Portland, Feb. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal: In view of an ordinance to regulate the growth of shade trees seems to have had the desired effect in Irvington on a few of the streets; and a good thing it is, too, for the growth of shade trees is a most desirable thing. The streets are lighter and more cheerful these gloomy days. Let the good work go on. Let the shade trees be planted and replace it with trees that add to the beauty of the district. One block, especially, is a disgrace—Twenty-second to the river and the street. The trees are dead, and the ground is bare. The trees are dead, and the ground is bare. The trees are dead, and the ground is bare.

OREGON'S DRIFT CITYWARD

Recapitulation of Items from the "Load" the Farmer Sidelapses. Portland, Feb. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal:—"That the generally believed theory of the exodus from the farms to the city is a gross error of the true as to Oregon is proven by announcement," etc.—Oregonian, February 9.

But the census reports, which are available to everybody, are: Oregon, percentage of rural population, 1890, 72.2; 1900, 63.4; 1910, 54.8; 1920, 46.1. The percentage for the whole United States is 48.6.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:

The farmer in all countries has always been able to stand a heavy gait in the way of taxes and rents. He's most all willin', too; and I reckon our American farmers are no exception. They protest if they was to have their taxes tack off their hoof cutters and work their farms as cross as a bear, and my dog told some farmers to go home and slop the hogs and not try to be statesmen, there was a mighty strong sentiment among the farmers that them statesmen was right.

ALL OF IT OLD STUFF

His Friend: "Nice day; let's take a trip up to the zoo." "Thank you; I'll stay at home. My eldest daughter does the fox trot, my second daughter talks like a parrot, my son laughs like a hyena, and my wife has a new way of making mother-in-law say I'm an old gorilla. When I go anywhere I want a change."

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE: Where there's a will there is usually a lawsuit. Where are the late clustered valentines of our school days? Why make these college girls consider their health when beauty is at stake? Lots of women are victims of this "faking sickness" and don't know it. Make our perspective is warped, but we'd rather wear laurels as a clown than as a ruler. By the same token, we'd rather create a universe than discover the fourth dimension.

SIDELIGHTS

Plumbers are scarce and they get shorter hours and more pay. Plumber's guild is elected to control Klamath Falls Herald. Look for defects in a person and you will always find them—but look for good points, and you will find them, too—Columbia Grove Sentinel. Few persons in this country know what Bolshevism is, but they know what it is not, and that is condemnation enough.—Roseburg News Review. A great many people who sit in stuffed chairs in the theatres, and who do not go to work to the land and do hard muscular work digging in the dirt.—Malheur Enterprise. A German has written a book in which he describes three future wars. Maybe he is getting a commission from munition manufacturers.—Benton County News. America is suffering from what might be termed an national ailment—an almost universal desire to obtain something for as near nothing as possible.—Lewiston Daily Tribune. The fatal tendencies of the man who didn't know it was loaded are fast going to the motorist who is always going at a very fast speed when he kills his victims.—Crane American.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

Vesve Guthrie, who in the old days was employment secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A. but is now a traveling salesman and a very successful one, still has a warm spot in his heart for his old home town. In a recent letter, dated at Los Angeles, Cal., to a Portland friend, he says: "Portland will have to look to its laurels if it wants to continue to be known as the Rose City. The civic bodies of this city are planning to make Vancouver the 'Rose City of the World.' The Kiwanis club is heading the movement and has already raised \$2500 for the purpose of planting a huge rose garden in Stanley park." Mr. Guthrie does not state whether they will secure their rose bushes in Portland or borrow a few from the city of Vancouver. It would be to decorate floats for civic occasions to impress tourists.

Eastern Oregon guests at the Imperial include Albert Peterson of Ukiah, D. Sexton of The Dalles and Floyd Conroy, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Desch, W. A. Franpe and Rose Mayfair, all of La Grande. Mrs. W. B. Lee, J. L. Hesse and C. B. Willoughby of Eugene are Portland visitors. Lydia Bowers of Pendleton is at the Seward. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Byers of La Grande are at the Cornelius. Mr. and Mrs. R. Blanchard of Newport are guests at the Cornelius. Mrs. J. J. Simor of Monument is at the Imperial. R. J. Carson of Spray, in Wheeler county is a guest at the Imperial. Mrs. Amo Schaffer of Wasco is a Portland visitor. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Forester of Tangent are Portland visitors. W. F. Rameled, forest supervisor, is in town from Roseburg. E. N. Crockett of Bend is transacting business in Portland. Dolly Madison of Bend is visiting her brother in Portland. Mr. George Wilhelm of Harrisburg is a Portland visitor. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard of Hood River are at the Seward. Mrs. E. N. Warner and her daughter Ruth of Medford are at the Seward. Rex Underwood of Eugene is at the Portland. Fanny and May Sommer of La Grande are registered at the Portland. L. E. Frye of Condon is at the Benson.

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley. A veteran in sea trade is quoted by Mr. [Name] today in the interior of market finding in the Far East. He indicates the profits, as well as certain perils, of the trade in the interior of their great country, and predicts boundless rewards, too, as within the grasp of the Americans who will more themselves afloat.

One of the most interesting men I have ever interviewed is that veteran mariner, Captain Robert Doller. He is of the old type, a rugged navigator of the seven seas, and his mind is as clear and as bright as the sun. He is now in the interior of China, where he has been for many years, and he has seen and done things that would make the hair of a young man stand on end. He is now in the interior of China, where he has been for many years, and he has seen and done things that would make the hair of a young man stand on end.

"Our company has recently placed on this coast a new American steamer, and in its navigation we have been having some experience which might be of interest to those operators who are interested in the development of Chinese trade. As it is well known, interior China has been in a state of great unrest, and North and South China have been in a state of anarchy. The Yangtze-Kiang river, and particularly along this upper stretch of the river, so that most of the Chinese owned steamships of the Yangtze-Kiang have given up navigation. At first the troops on both sides were rather unwilling to allow us to run, but on account of the great losses of the Yangtze-Kiang river, they decided to adopt a policy of non-interference. The organized Chinese bandits, however, who infest the mountain stretches of the Yangtze-Kiang, give us no opportunity and between the two armies they decided to compel our steamers to pay heavy tribute to them every time we passed. Knowing from previous experience that we might expect this, we arranged to have the American gunboat El Cano follow our steamer, and the Chinese Fair to take the bandits and established their point for collecting tribute a few shots son had them running for cover. However, the captain of the Fair, who is a very experienced officer, he could not be following us on every trip, so he put machine guns on our steamer and gave us three machine guns, and the Chinese guns being covered by our machine guns, they decided to stop firing on us. This was a very good thing, as our marines stripped the guns and, in a volley or two the bandits decided that discretion was the better part of valor. They ceased firing, and the bandits immediately ran for cover and we had no more trouble with them.

"Changsha, the upper terminus of our route, is a walled city of nearly 1,000,000 people. This summer Changsha was held by Yuan troops. These were driven out October 24, 1920, by Szechuen troops after sanguinary fighting, and when the Yuan troops were driven out, the Szechuen had ventured out from under cover they found five dead soldiers on the street in front of the office. This will show a little of the varied adventures and experiences that are still found in the development of American trade in distant lands and in the gathering up of a cargo for our trade."

"The province of Szechuen has now quite a large trade in raw silk, muslin, hides, mink, silk, Chinese medicines, goatskins, wool and many other commodities, and this trade is capable of being developed to a great extent. Szechuen also possesses coal, copper, gold, petroleum and salt; in fact, is said to be one of the most highly mineralized sections in the entire world. It possesses some of the oldest engineering works known to man, many of which are still functioning as perfectly as in the day of their construction. Szechuen is also one of the richest provinces in the world, and it is one of the richest fields left in the world for development along the lines of its foreign trade."

The Oregon County

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader. OREGON NOTES. The Corvallis schools have installed courses in elementary plumbing and electricity, as well as in auto mechanics. The Hood River health officer reports four cases of smallpox, and a strict quarantine is being maintained. The Umatilla county farm bureau has a membership of 200 at present and an attempt is being made to increase it to 500.

The Lane county fair will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday prior to the state fair at Salem this year. Lambing is already under way in a number of the sheep camps of Umatilla county, as the sheep are at present and good results are reported. The building fever has struck Medford and a number of residences will be started as soon as the winter season. Several business houses are also in contemplation. A dryden fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the warehouse of the Bohke Fruit company, together with 60,000 boxes of apples. The loss is about \$150,000.

The depth of snow at Crater Lake, Oregon, Feb. 11, at Anna Spring camp, five miles from the shore, was 105 inches, a depth is five feet more than last year at this time. About 2500 tons of ore per day is being mined at the smelter of the War Eagle quicksilver at Spokane, Idaho. Meadows district of Jackson county, Ore., has been established as a separate district and is in operation two weeks. One hundred twenty-nine registrations in correspondence courses during the month of January were established. The state division of the University of Oregon. More than a million dollars for important construction projects in and around Portland has been established. The well matured call for the expenditure of the most of this money during the coming year.

WASHINGTON

Six men, alleged members of the I. W. W., were arrested at Spokane Saturday for selling radical literature on the streets before the Spokane Chamber of Commerce. The Frank Graddis post of the American Legion at Woodland has established a labor bureau for the southern part of Oregon. Forty-eight thousand tons of ice have been cut and stored in the Northern Pacific ice houses in Yakima, Ellensburg, Tappan and Pasco. Lawrence Boulet, an employe of a grocery store at Moline, was killed near Moline, Wash., when a boiler exploded, crushing him beneath it. Reports from Yakima indicate that the employment situation is decidedly improved before the start of the year. Two of the greatest need for jobs will be met. Helen Heimbigner, aged 3, of Odessa, died of pneumonia in Spokane from what doctors characterized as a peculiar case. The child had been asleep two weeks.

Assessors of Washington have agreed upon a rate of value of \$6 for ewes of 18 months and under, \$8 for the general run of ewes between 18 months and 2 years and \$12 for ewes over 2 years. Mrs. Lucy Jane Goodwin, aged 83, is dead at home in Walla Walla, Wash. Mrs. Goodwin crossed the 100-year mark ago, her husband, Dr. L. H. Goodwin, died a captain of a train of 100-ex-drawn wagons. A temporary restraining order has been issued enjoining the city of Seattle from removing the street railway tracks from the city, which the street railway was purchased, until wages and operating expenses are paid. A Yakima nursery has just shipped a consignment of apple and pear grafts and young trees to the city of Walla Walla, Wash. The Centralia Mill & Supply company has filed articles of incorporation at Chehalis. The capital stock is \$100,000.

IDAHO

In a raid by 65 officers at Sandpoint last week 65 gallons of liquor were seized, valued at over \$1000. News is received at Pocatello that former Senator Doolittle is to head the capital service and information bureau at Washington, D. C. Mrs. Margaret J. Holbrook, aged 83, an Oregonian, died at Lewiston last week. Lewiston, Idaho, has had its first time in its history the Pacific Northwest Hardware & Implement Dealers' association. Portland jobbers are in attendance before the Idaho legislature. A freight transportation service by five automobile trucks has started a regular run between Lewiston and Spokane. The route is 120 miles and the rate is \$1 a hundred.

Medical habits entered a poolroom at the town of Bruneau in southwestern Idaho, lined up the occupants against a wall and shot them without firing a shot. The value of the poolroom was \$1500 in cash and all their valuables. A scholarship donation of \$100 a year has been offered to Boise high school students, and the student who receives it will be used to send the student to medical college at Valparaiso, Ind. The 7-year-old daughter of F. S. Cool received fatal injuries when she was struck by a car in the city of Pocatello. The father's automobile was parked near Pocatello.

KNOW YOUR PORTLAND

A few mornings ago a mere man went timidly to make a talk to the library audience without a tremor. It was increased when, after his introduction by Miss Ann Mulhern, chief librarian, he found himself confronted by a large and distinguished single masculine countenance in it. Multnomah county realize that the most efficient library organization in the United States—and Portland has just that rank—has a staff composed entirely of women.

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