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SHALL WE GROW?

Peculiarly true is it that every community has chances galore to make or break itself. In the hands of the dwellers of every community rests the decision to grow or not to grow.

Resources help to build communities. But spirit builds them.

Just now The Dalles and Wasco county are face to face with an epoch day which falls upon June 7. Upon that day The Dalles and Wasco county must decide what place in the commercial and development suns they shall take.

Shall The Dalles be a whistling post, hugging to itself the vanished glory of the past which redounds to the city owing to the Oregon trail terminating here—which men followed to adventures end. But the old west is gone. The old The Dalles has passed away.

Are we to sit here and vainly try to materialize the ancient glory which shown upon this place?

Shall Wasco county cast her lot with the dead past or grow to be one of the most productive spots in the state of Oregon, a region of contented farm districts densely populated.

As sure as The Dalles-California highway is builded so sure will Wasco county and The Dalles grow by leaps and bounds. The history of city and county development may be told in terms of transportation. Wherever the transportation is rapid and cheap and frequent, there rears a great city. New York is an example of this fact, Chicago is an example, Denver, San Francisco, Boston, Portland, and so on are large because their transportation facilities are of the finest.

A new kind of transportation is about to revolutionize commerce and industry—motor truck hauling. The era is upon us. Indicating just how important is the whole matter is the \$1,200,000 highway bids to be opened by the Oregon State Highway commission May 27. Highways mean auto trucks and pleasure cars. Highways mean more money in circulation.

The Dalles-California highway will move the products of the orchards and truck gardens of the tremendously rich southern part of Wasco county into the city itself. Thus the expense of distribution will be cut down. The grower and the ultimate consumer will profit. But the big thing is that the highway will bring wealth to Wasco county and The Dalles dwellers.

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bonds sold, your taxes will increase per year only 30 cents for every \$1000 of your assessed valuation. The \$800,000 bond issue should the entire issue be sold at once—and it will not be—will cost you per year only \$2.40 a year for each thousand dollars of assessed valuation. This outlay is an investment, not a waste. Is this too great a price to pay for prosperity.

Consider that if you do not embrace your opportunity to vote bonds and build a great north and south trade artery through Wasco county you will send the great wealth-producing highway through some other section and you'll have to pay your share of one half the construction cost; the amount of money furnished by the state.

It is good business to vote bonds for constructing a highway through Wasco county. This county gets two dollars worth of road for every county dollar expended. Besides the money is left in Wasco county. (The state, you will remember, matches the sum raised in a county, dollar for dollar.)

We deem it waste of time to urge The Dalles and Wasco county citizens to vote the \$800,000 bond issue and secure the early construction of The Dalles-California highway. The need for the bond issue carrying is patent.

Shall we be a whistling post, an isolated area, or a center from which shall radiate the pulsing life of a little metropolis.

LEADS TO BANKRUPTCY

Of tremendous import is the announcement that the Japanese navy plans to tie up its entire third squadron and a portion of the second squadron in the near future. Japan is building just now the greatest battle fleet in all the history of the nation. With great plans laid out, she finds that she must retire some of her ships already constructed or go into bankruptcy.

The tax burden is throttling industry in Japan. Prices of goods have risen to unprecedented levels. People must charge enough for merchandise to pay taxes and secure a living. It would seem. Caught between taxes and high costs, the common people unable to pay are driven to desperation. They are rioting, killing officials and breaking into shops.

Japan is fast drifting into debt. The powerful fleet which she is building up is as a yoke about the neck of the nation. With the avowed purpose of reducing expenses, Japan proposes to tie up some of her magnificent and effective fighting units: one whole squadron and part of another.

This is what her armament building has brought her to. In the midst of construction she is forced to retire those fighting units already built and disband the crews which man them.

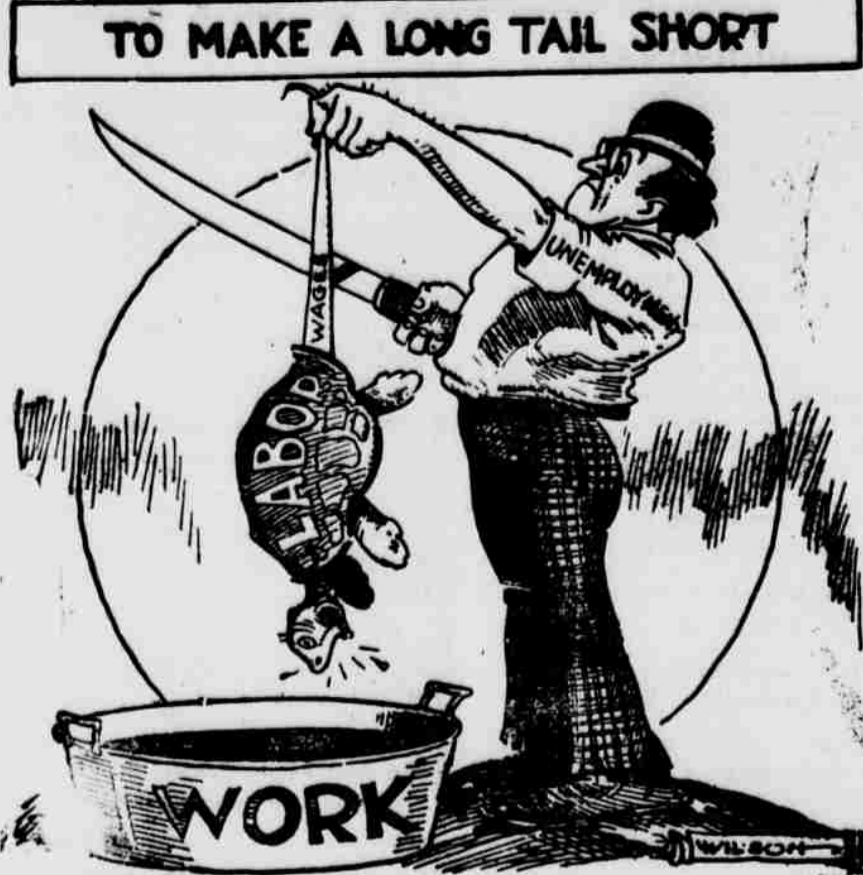
It is a sad commentary upon the armament situation. It indicates to what financial straits, this business of competitive armament building will carry any nation.

About 98 percent of the taxes go to financing past wars and preparing for future ones. The people pay for these expenditures. The taxes of the United States this year will be approximately \$3,500,000,000. Figure up what 98 percent of this aggregate sum is. That much is wasted for war, past and future.

That much goes to no constructive thing. Suppose this money were diverted to making the lot of mankind easier by clearing land and developing irrigation projects, harnessing rivers to do the work of human beings and a hundred other worthwhile objects.

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What nation will be the next to crack under the strain? Or will the example of Japan put an end to the foolishness of armament building. We are opposed to the United States disarming before other nations do, but we do heartily approve the plan to bring about international disarmament or at least reduction of arma-



ments so that the world may develop its resources with the money now dumped into the lap of the crimson war god.

LOOKING BACKWARD

(From The Chronicle, May 13, 1896.) Twenty-four teachers are being examined before School Superintendent Troy Shelley.

The Electric Light company is sinking a shaft at the location of the plant. They have already proceeded but a few feet.

Mr. V. C. Lewis, nominee for joint representative, has formally declined the nomination, and removed with his family to St. Louis.

Green peas were noticed in market today. They were raised by Mr. Fields, who usually leads the season in early vegetables and fruits.

The condition of Mr. Biggs after the exertion of yesterday, which it was feared would be too much for his strength, is still improving. His friends were more than thoughtful of him yesterday, and many were the remembrances received, among them a silver souvenir spoon, over 60 years old, from his neighbor, Mrs. Meyers.

Mr. E. Jacobsen returned from a trip to Bakeoven, Nansene and Antelope last night. While absent he met Joseph Sherar, whom he reports is recovering from his injuries. He found the weather cold and backward, but prospects excellent for a good crop. The new Sherar road from Antelope to Bakeoven is a splendid piece of work, dispensing with many steep hillsides. With the Current creek road next attended to, that section of the county will have little complaint to make regarding roads.

Tomorrow we propose to publish the program for the open air concert Sunday to be given by The Dalles band. It has been decided to play in the public school yard instead of the academy.

MOVIE MOVES

"Black Beauty" Still popular after running through scores of huge editions since its first mighty bid for enduring fame more than forty years ago, "Black Beauty," by Anna Sewell, is establishing a record in another field of human interest. After forty years, "Black Beauty" ranks eighth in popularity among the world's books. At the beginning of its career in motion pictures its appeal to the public promises to be even stronger than the one it made through the printed page.

"Black Beauty," a Vitagraph all-star special production, will be shown at the Empress theater three days starting Tuesday.

Extraordinary difficulties were faced and overcome in visualizing "Black Beauty," but those which at first were looked upon as the greatest turned out to be the least. The first question raised was, "Can horses be trained to perform exactly the action of Anna Sewell's book, so that the story in pictures can be accurately and faithfully told?"

After long continued and patient experiments, it was found that for the most part no training would be necessary, as all the actions of horses in the wonderful book is natural to them at certain times under certain circumstances. The fact that the action is natural, spontaneous, is an important part in the greatness of Anna Sewell's

immortal work. The filming of this action, therefore became largely a matter of time and patience, and complete success was attained at last.

The problem of presenting "Black Beauty" as a screen drama of the strongest possible appeal, with a gripping, thrilling story, was more baffling. Mr. and Mrs. George Randolph Chester, who prepared the screen version, were unwilling to take any liberties in altering the text or changing the form of a work regarded with reverence by millions of readers. The problem was pondered for weeks before the inspiration came.

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***** MME. CURIE, FRENCH ***** SAWANT, FRIGHTENED ***** BY NEW YORK SCRIBES *****

By United News NEW YORK, May 13.—Mme. Curie, co-discoverer of radium and the world's foremost woman scientist, is a little timid, gray haired woman, at home in a laboratory groping into atoms and ions, but amazed, abashed, frightened by the roaring world of New York.

She came up from her stateroom Wednesday when the Olympic swung into its berth here, to face the most embarrassing situation of her career. She had to meet the newspapermen. She was shy, scared and weak from her long voyage and the attendant illness of the trip across. She meekly obeyed commands from camera men and moved here and there, tired, unsmiling.

She told, in her tired voice, what she planned to do with the gramme of radium America will give her. It

will be devoted to research in cancer diseases. And that is the sum total of what she had to say about her visit to America.

With her were her two daughters, brimming over with fun and life. Eve is 15 years old, studying to be a great pianist; Irene is 20, and already Mme. Curie's laboratory assistant. They have none of their noted mother's "grey" personality. They were dressed in the height of fashion and evidently participate in none of Mme Curie's ascetic tastes.

Eve and Irene are going to have a lot of fun in America. Mme. Curie is going to get very, very tired talking to scientific societies and universities and the general public. She will be glad to get back to her Paris laboratory where she can work in peace and quiet with her gramme of radium. And it is easy to see that nothing this country could have given her would have touched her quite so deeply as this gift.

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