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OREGON MUST TAKE HER RIGHTFUL PLACE.

Oregon has lagged behind her neighbors in population. Lying along the same ocean, both California and Washington have gained upon our State in growth of numbers. In many respects, Oregon is potentially the richest commonwealth of the three. One-sixth or more of the standing timber in the United States is within the boundaries of Oregon. There is no richer valley on earth than the Willamette valley, by Nature's munificent endowment. The vast resources of Oregon have been only just scratched over. We have a population of probably a good deal less than a million. Our State could support a population as dense as was Belgium's before the war—and that would mean a hundred millions and more. Why have we lagged behind? First, it was the more rapid railroad development of Washington and California that enabled those States to outstrip us. Later, the more rapid highway development. According to data gathered by the Western Highways Builder, a bi-weekly journal devoted to Western road construction, the Legislatures of the different Western States have approved bond issues totaling nearly \$100,000,000 this year for the purpose of constructing a system of State and national highways. California heads the list with a proposed bond issue of \$40,000,000. Washington is second with a proposed issue of \$30,000,000. At the present time there is an appropriation of \$291,000,000 in the Federal treasury which the Government is ready to allot for road building in sections where the States and counties will appropriate like amounts. California is in line to receive probably \$20,000,000 of this amount. Washington will get her share. Oregon will get her share. And the voters of Oregon have an opportunity, at the special election of June 3, to get fully in line with the great development that is coming. California is constructing her part of the Roosevelt Highway along the Pacific ocean all the way from San Diego to the Oregon line. Oregon must meet her, by voting the Roosevelt Highway bonds. This is conditional upon the Government matching the amount. California is completing the Pacific Highway to the Oregon line, beyond Ashland. Oregon must join her sister State in this great project, too. Oregon must take her rightful place in the onward march. It is fairly up to our voters to mark all the even numbers on the ballot at the June 3 election.

There is a certain dramatic fitness in the fact that one of the earliest important announcements in the field of science since the war ended concerns the nature of living substance. The primary character of protoplasm as the basis both of animal and of vegetable life has long been accepted. That the protoplasm in both cases is identical is the thesis upon which the biologists have been working and which now appears to have been proved. The announcement was made at Philadelphia last week by the discoverer, Dr. D. T. MacDougal, director of the botanical research department of the Carnegie institution of Washington. The discovery brings together the results of the researches of Dr. MacDougal in the vegetable kingdom and of Prof. Jacques Loeb in the animal kingdom. But "what is life?" remains a question for the philosophers and theologians to answer.

Thirty kilometers north of Verdun, near the lines where the closing battle of the war was most fiercely waged, the remains of 25,000 American soldiers are being assembled in what will be the greatest of our national cemeteries. Arlington has more than 20,000 graves, Chattanooga more than 13,000, Fredericksburg more than 15,000 and Nashville and Vicksburg more than 16,000 each. The French cemetery will testify most impressively to the valor of our arms and should be the object of patriotic pilgrimages forever.

With everybody agreed in regard to the covenant of nations, what will Senator Borah do? Some one suggests that he might flee to the tall timber in the vicinity of Boise. Or gnaw a file.

Now that the Monroe Doctrine has been placed in the covenant of nations a lot of folks will try to find out what it is.—Exchange. But they will fail. It has never been defined.

If the German peace delegation don't see what they want in the peace protocol they need not take the time to ask for it. It ain't there.

In the congregation of a proxy clergyman is a good place to look for the sleeping sickness.

Of course, if the earth had been bone-dry in Noah's time, he would have had no use for an Ark.

Even if Herr Doktor Ebert, the former harness maker, is able to maintain himself as the ruler of the German people it will be because he has devised traces over which the Huns dare not kick.

It is all right to boost Ole Hanson for president, but since we have seen the Seattle mayor and those nine children, we are inclined to take the name of Ole from the mast-head and substitute that of Mrs. Hanson.—Los Angeles Times.

Some rules are easy to obey and some are not. The director of military aeronautics has forbidden the shooting of wild fowl with machine

log. The "ue" is fast disappearing but the "ough" dies hard.

Interest in the question of "spirit return" has been given new impetus by the deaths so near together of Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir William Crookes, famous British physicists and believers. If messages can really be conveyed from the "spirit land" by the application of sublimated natural law these two famous scientists should be able to convey them.

JESUS THE CARPENTER

(Catherine C. Liddell: Mrs. Fraser-Tyler.) "Isn't this Joseph's son?"—ay, it is he. Joseph the carpenter—same trade as me—I thought as I'd find it—I knew it was here—But my sight's getting queer.

I don't know right where—as his shed must ha' stood. But often, as I've been a-plainin' my wood, I've took off my hat, just with thinkin' of he At the same work with me.

He warn't that set up that he couldn't stoop down And work in the country for folks in the town; And I'n warrant he felt a bit pride, like I've done, At a good job begun.

The parson he knows that I'll not make too free; But on Sunday I feel as pleased as can be, When I wears a clean smock, and sits in a pew And has taught a few.

I think of as how not the parson hissen, As is teacher and father and shep herd o' men, Not he knows as much of the Lord if that shed Where he earned his bread.

And when I get home to my misaus, says she, "Are you wanting your key?" For she knows my queer ways, and my love for the shed (We've been forty years wed.)

So I comes right away by mysen, with the book. And I turns the old pages and has a good look, For the text as I've found, as tells me as he Were the same trade as me.

Why don't I mark it? Ah, many say so; But I think I'd as lief, with your leaves, let it go; It do seem that nice when I fall on it sudden—Unexpected, you know.

THE AMOROUS AVIATOR

(With apologies to William Shakespeare.) Come, fly with me and be my love. And we will all the pleasures prove. That only lightsome souls can find Who leave earth's gravity behind.

We'll spiral up the orb of day And tail-spin down the Milky Way; To greater heights our bird shall soar Than lovers ever dared before.

Thy pliant waist, as soft as felt, I'll glide with Orion's belt, The Pleiads round thy neck I'll fling And gem thy hand with Saturn's ring.

We'll honeymoon among the stars, Take tea with Venus, sup with Mars; And if such thrills a girl can move, Then fly with me and by my love.

LOVE'S ANSWER:

If that thy plane from stern to prow Be shaky as a lover's vow, And if thy singing motor misses And back-fires like a lover's kisses,

Or if the wings that float thy bird Be brittle as a lover's word, No amorous plea my heart shall move Then fly with me and be my love. —HARRY BOWLING.

THE CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The churches raised more money in 1918 than ever before, but the advance in other religious activities was almost negligible and some denominations show an actual falling off in membership. But from the viewpoint of contributions for good work and religious extension it was the greatest year the church has known. Thousands were raised where hundreds were formerly given and the work of the church seemed to be included in the great philanthropies and sacrifices of the war. The spirit of giving, of unselfish surrender, was over the land and this has inspired several of the denominations to new zeal for

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church extension and world betterment. The various Methodist bodies are asking for some \$30,000,000; the Presbyterians for \$13,500,000; the Baptists for \$5,000,000 and so on, and, as they said of the Americans in the war service, most of them will attain their objectives. The Americans are essentially a churchy people. According to religious statistics just compiled a total of 51,565,908 are claimed to have some church connection. This is represented by no less than 170 different denominations.

THE OLDEST HORSE

Every now and then the death of the oldest horse in the world will remind people of an animal that once had a notable place in history. The other day there passed away in a little New Hampshire town a sturdy equine of the strain of Morgan at the advanced age of 43 years. This was a notable achievement in itself, for horses who have attained 30 years are few and far between and, so far as known, 47 years is about the greatest age a horse has ever reached. When these World West pictures wane there won't be much use for a horse and another generation will find them tenderly pastured and cared for as curiosities. They will be suffered to grow old gracefully and none but the very rich can afford to drive them for pleasure. Some genius now living may endure long enough to pen the epic of the last horse in the world. Meanwhile the oldest horse in the world will be passing away at intervals and his death will be matter for the attention of the press.

LEST WE FORGET!

The tumult and the shouting dies—The captains and the kings depart—Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice. An humble and a contrite heart, Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget—lest we forget!

ABOUT FLU

Just a word as to what Flu is. In Spain it is Influenza; in Russia it is Russian Fever; in France it is La Grippe; in Germany it is Blitze-katarrh; in this country it is known as Grippe, "Spanish Flu," Epidemic Catarrh, Epidemic Bronchitis. Flu or Grippe is supposed to be an acute infectious disease. It does not always infect persons exposed to its infection. It sometimes occurs as a zymotic disease. The history of "Flu" or Grippe epidemics shows a wide variation in the severity of the disease. Flu appears in at least three definite types of disease: 1st—Respiratory disorders. 2nd—Gastro-enteric disorders. 3rd—Nervous disorders. These various types will be discussed in our next.

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SUNDAY PLAYING ALLOWED NEW YORK, May 1.—Mayor Hylan today signed the ordinance passed by the board of aldermen last Tuesday which permits the playing of professional baseball after 2 p. m. The ordinance also provides that the same admission fee as is charged for week days shall be charged on Sunday.

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