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WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH OREGON?

(By Jesse Huber)

PORTLAND, Sept. 17.—One of the surprising things about Oregon is the extent to which California and Washington supply the people of this city with vegetables.

We are in the habit of saying that the soil of the Beaver State will produce not only big crops of vegetables, but that these products are of many kinds and of the highest quality.

This claim is correct, as the record yield secured by individual market gardeners will evidence. Prices during the past several years have, with a few exceptions, ruled high.

The assertion, often repeated, that there is no money in growing vegetables is based on the memory of the low markets due to over-production before the late war.

Nor did we have such splendid outlets for the surplus yield of vegetables as is now found in the dehydrating plants and evaporators which are being established in Oregon.

Now, let us see to what extent farmers in our neighboring states have helped to supply the 300,000 consumers in this city with vegetables.

Portland maintains a Bureau of Markets. The records of that department show that from May 10th of last year to May 10th of this year there arrived in this city five carloads of asparagus from Washington and two carloads from California.

Yet it is certain that under proper cultivation asparagus of a high commercial quality can be grown and certainly we should be able to market it a little more profitably here than those who must pay higher transportation charges from distant points.

Cabbage. California sent us 70 carloads and the Oregon farmers supplied only 21 carloads. What is the matter with the Willamette valley and the lower Columbia sections as cabbage growing regions?

Onions. Here are the figures: California, 55 cars; Oregon, 63 cars; Washington, 29 cars and Texas, one car.

Potatoes. This is a spud growing state, but California supplied our metropolis with 63 cars of the Irish favorite, Washington growers shipped in 162 cars and Oregon sold us 149 cars.

Mixed vegetables. California shipped us 303 carloads. Seven cars came from Washington, while Oregon also supplied only an equal number of cars.

The above article of Mr. Huber is timely. Mr. Huber was formerly a newspaper man. Now he is a Marion county general farmer and loganberry and fruit grower.

What is the matter with Oregon? And what is the matter with the Willamette valley? The slogan, MORE ACRES AND MORE TO THE ACRE, has not been started any too soon.

As long as there is a market for common garden vegetables in Oregon supplied from outside of Oregon, and as long as there is a demand for more vegetables from the Salem dehydrating plant, the slogan ought to be worked overtime.

A friend at the writer's elbow thinks the love of the limelight that animates Mrs. Wilson is probably responsible for the present tour of President Wilson. Also, that this possibly had something to do with the Presidential trips to Paris. But perhaps this friend is too cynical.

It is now understood that Japan will return Shantung to China before the United States restores the Philippines to the Filipinos.—Exchange.

Several newspapers in the east say that stranger things have happened than to see William Jennings Bryan nominated for president in 1920. It is understood that the Boy Orator of the Platte is in the Barkis stakes.

Treaty "reservations" are now the great indoor sport. Rumania wants to sign the Austrian peace treaty with a string attached.

John J. Pershing, the mortal, has joined the Immortals, Grant, Sherman and Sheridan, as general of the army. And of the four three were born in Ohio.

It has been figured out that it is costing the government as much money to run the railroads of the country, month by month, as it cost to fight the Civil war. The cleverness of Mr. McAdoo in getting out from under appears day by day.

Lowest number of prisoners in the Oregon penitentiary for forty years—241. And, by the same sign, the lowest average character; and the hardest bunch to keep in order.

Miss Agnes Laut, magazine writer, on Monday told the senate subcommittee investigating Mexican affairs, that 95 per cent of the people of Mexico are "looking for help" from the United States. The other

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MUSIC AND MONEY.

Rochester has about four million dollars for a music school and symphony orchestra—thanks to Eastman of snaphot fame.

That amount of money ought to tide a symphony orchestra over a season or two and will keep Rochester on the musical map for a while. Nothing short of a substantial endowment can keep a first-class symphony orchestra in fine working order.

THE SOOTHING SINGER.

Caruso has a contract which calls for \$84,000 for twelve appearances in Mexico, but because of troubled conditions does not care to fulfill it.

On the theory that music soothes the savage breast he should go to it. Perhaps his voice might have a definite part in restoring order to a racked country.

The mere fact that he fears being kidnaped by bandits and held for \$85,000 ransom should not stand in the way.

And, besides, a contract is a contract.

A man with a voice like his ought to be able to sing the bandits over the border and deliver them to the American authorities.

LOOK PLEASANT.

If people would realize that there is happiness in good work there wouldn't be so much discontent and unrest.

Contentment should be congenial occupation.

The men who have gained success in life are those who have really loved their work and have not been continually straining their ears to hear the whistle blow for them to quit.

But, in spite of all this uproar, no man is as badly off as he thinks he is.

If people would cease looking for trouble they would be surprised to realize how little of it there is.

ALL PROFITEERS.

The one sin which we all say must be stopped before relief is possible is profiteering.

I know of almost no one who is not

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howing against profiteering, and at the same time engaged in it.

Buy any article in any store and you will be charged an outrageous price, a price having no relation to cost.

No workman so humble that he does not hold you up for every possible cent, and without reference to the value of his service.

We are all profiteering, and all denouncing it.

And the meanest profiteering is practiced not by big business, but by little business: by waiters, washerwomen, hack drivers, farmers, truck gardeners, stock growers, shop-keepers practice it and declaim against it.

Early in the present year the Detroit Free Press said: "The inequalities and wrongs which today give the Bolshevists their talking points with which to attract the gullible or down-trodden must be corrected. Bolshevism must be fought by the institution of a system of absolute fair dealing. The profiteer capitalist must stop his profiteering, if for no more worthy reason than as a measure of self-protection."

This is the popular talk everywhere: that capitalists only are to blame and that they must reform. The truth is that capitalists are no more greedy than the common people. If we hang the capitalists, as is now proposed, we shall not find a remedy.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

SOME JUMPER.

In recently published reminiscences of William Jennings Bryan's school days, that vast orator mentions the athletic side of his early training and refers with some pride to his ability at jumping.

Especially stress is laid on the fact that he could jump backward nine feet.

People who think this is easy are urged to try it. No one will care to question it. The ability to jump is a most valuable asset in Democratic politics and Mr. Bryan is an adept politician. His ability to jump backward has enabled him to retrieve his position on the silver as well as on other questions. No family will need to worry about the future of any boy who can jump backward nine feet. He can even dodge an emotional and explosive buzz wagon.

THE A B C OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

By Dr. Frank Crane.

(1) What is the League of Nations?

A. A union of the strongest civilized nations formed at the conclusion of the great war.

(2) What is its object?

A. First, to promote the peace of the world by agreeing not to resort to war. Second, to deal openly with each other, not by secret treaties. Third, to improve international law. Fourth, to co-operate in all matters of common concern.

(3) Does it presume to end war?

A. No more than any government can end crime. It claims to reduce the liability of war.

(4) What will be done to any nation that makes war?

A. It will be boycotted and otherwise penalized.

(5) How else will the probability of war be lessened?

A. By voluntary, mutual and proportionate disarmament; by exchanging military information, by providing for arbitration, by protecting each nation's territorial integrity and by educating public opinion to see the folly of war.

(6) What else does the league propose to do for mankind?

A. (1) Secure fair treatment for labor.

(2) Suppress the white slave traffic, the sale of dangerous drugs and the traffic in war munitions.

(3) Control and prevent disease.

(4) Promote the work of the Red Cross and

(5) Establish international bureaus for other cause that concern the human race.

(7) Who are to be charter members of the league?

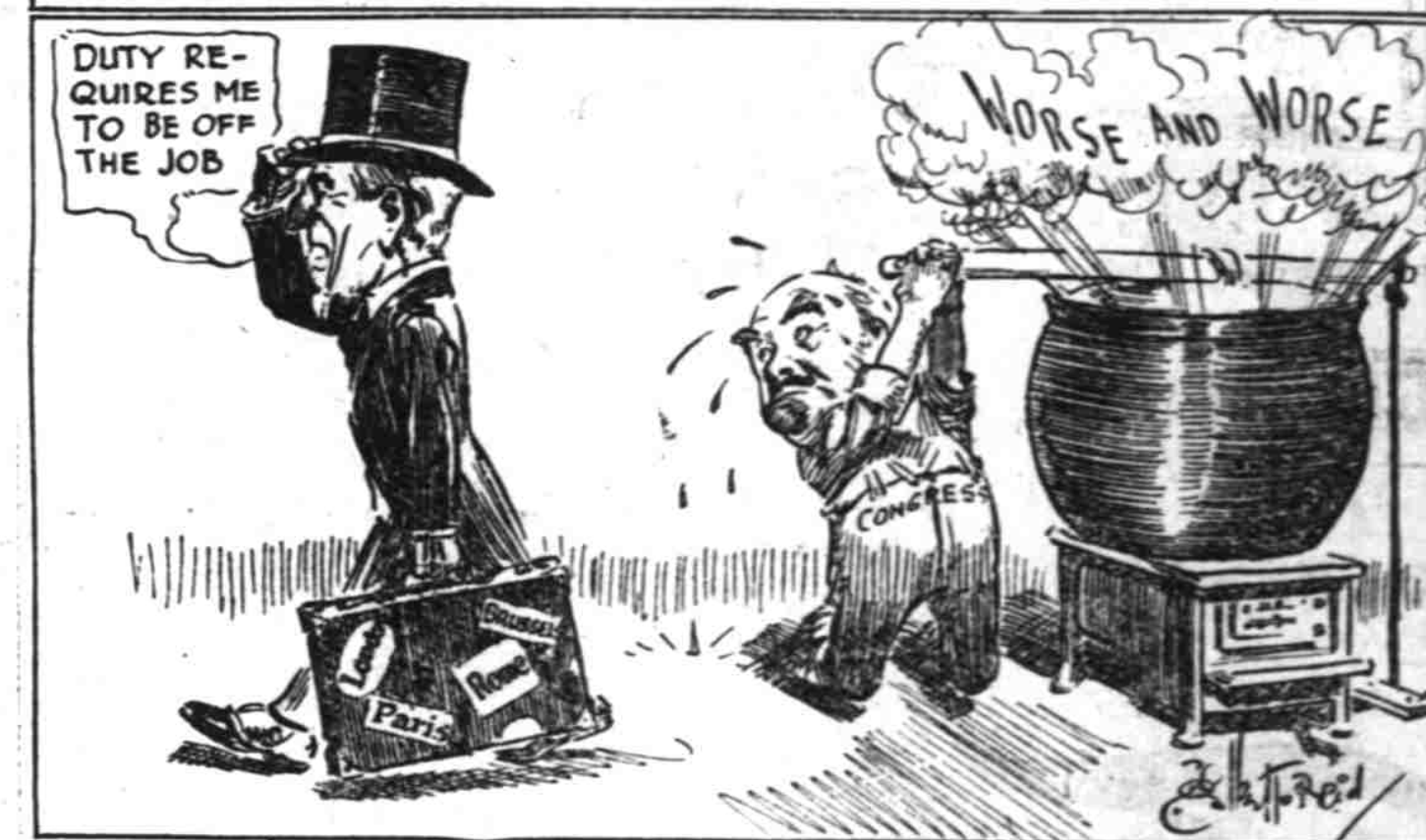
A. The United States of America, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, British Empire, Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hedjaz, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Serbia, Siam, Uruguay and the following states which are invited to accede to the covenant: Argentine Republic, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Persia, Salvador, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Venezuela.

(8) What other nations may join?

A. Any self-governing state which will agree to the rules of the league, provided the league accepts it.

(9) What agencies will the league have?

OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN, GONE AGAIN



A. (1) An assembly, composed of representatives of all the member nations.

(2) A council of nine.

(3) A secretary-general.

(4) A mandatory commission to look after colonies, etc.

(5) A permanent commission for military questions.

(6) Various international bureaus, such as the postal union, etc.

(7) Mandatories.

(10) What is a mandatory?

A. Some one nation designated by the league to attend to the welfare of "backward peoples residing in colonies of the Central Empires or in territories taken from them."

(11) Does the league mean a supranation?

A. No. It interferes in no way with any nation's sovereignty, except to limit its power to attack other nations.

(12) Can any nation withdraw when it wishes?

A. Yes. The league is advisory and co-operative, not coercive.

(13) Does not the league put peace above justice and national honor?

A. No. It puts reason before violence.

(14) Does not the league take away the constitutional right of Congress to declare war?

A. No. The league can advise war; congress alone can declare war.

(15) Does it destroy the Monroe doctrine?

A. Exactly the contrary. For the first time in history the other nations recognize the Monroe doctrine; and extend it to all the world.

(16) Does it not interfere with treaty-making powers of the United States?

A. No. It is a treaty. We can make any treaty we please.

(17) Would we have had the

great war if we had had this league? A. No. That war cost the world over 7,000,000 lives and \$200,000,000,000.

Wanted, Indian summer.

The state fair next week will furnish an additional reason why we need fair weather.

President Wilson is traveling a long way and getting nowhere. The United States senate will ratify, but with reasonable reservations.

And that could have been accomplished weeks ago, with a mere nod by Mr. Wilson to his Democratic rubber stamps sitting in the upper chamber of the national law making body.

It is just one thing after another for Salem. State fair next week, and the Methodist conference the following week.

Printers in Salem are now receiving \$6 and \$6.50 a day for a 44-hour week; the \$6 being for day work and the \$6.50 for night work. Newspaper printers will thus have a day of seven hours and twenty minutes; any extra time to be time and a half work. At the state printing office it will mean a Saturday half holiday at full pay. That is higher pay than the business of Salem justifies. But perhaps business may improve.

A Holstein bull has just been sold for \$125,000, which in a way might account for the high price of beef.

Luther Burbank, the plant wizard is working on a new-fashioned dandelion whose thistles will not look so much like golf balls.

Our idea of a hard job is that of the farmer figuring how much money he loses with wheat at \$2.26 a bushel. Some higher mathematics is that.—Exchange.

Unimpeachable—if you were to see the unequalled volume of unimpeachable testimony in favor of Hood's Sarsaparilla, you would up braid yourself for so long delays to take this effective medicine for that blood disease from which you are suffering.

LOYALTY DEMAND INSISTED UPON

Public Service Commission Will Not Tolerate Slackers in Employ

Chairman Fred G. Buchtel of the Oregon public service commission, assures the American legion of Oregon, in a letter to J. O. Conville of Portland, chairman of the employment committee, that the commission will not employ any person listed by the legion as disloyal, or any other person who appears disloyal to the country regardless of whether he has been so listed.

Mr. Buchtel encloses a letter he has sent to J. W. Church, head of the grain inspection department of the commission, with which most of the employees are connected, directing Mr. Church to guard against the employment of such persons.

"It is probably needless for us to say," says Mr. Buchtel, "that we are in accord with your sentiments and shall very willingly enforce the suggestions contained in your communication."

In his letter to Mr. Church Mr. Buchtel says:

"Prompted by our love of country and the worthy example of those who cheerfully sacrificed their personal ambitions and opportunities upon the altar of patriotism, we wish to most emphatically reiterate and endorse the sentiments expressed in the enclosure and to assure you that in carrying out the spirit and the intent of the request that you will have the full support of this commission and of every true American."

Mr. Conville's letter is enclosed to Mr. Church.

Flatbush—They say the microphone makes the footsteps of a flea audible.

Bensonhurst—No use. When a flea is jumping for you he doesn't walk, he jumps.—Yonkers Statesman.

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