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SOME HOPE FOR GASOLINE USERS

Advance pages of the Standard Oil Bulletin, published monthly from the San Francisco office of the Standard Oil Company of California, have been sent to The Statesman.

The whole issue, almost, is devoted to the gasoline shortage. In brief, here is the story:

In the Pacific Coast states—California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Arizona—in 1915 there were 239,000 motor vehicles, in 1920 there are more than 180,000. In 1915, 3,000 tractors, now at least 25,000. There are many thousands more gas engines in operation for pumping and doing hundreds of other kinds of work. The Standard Oil Co. sold in these states in 1918, 152,000,000 gallons of gasoline. The sales will be more than 300,000,000 gallons this year.

So there you are. Gasoline comes from only one source—the earth. There is no other source; there is no substitute, yet.

There were 6116 crude oil wells on this coast in 1915. There are 9273 now; an increase of 3157; and there is a frantic hunt for more wells. However, the old wells flow less and less crude oil.

Millions of gallons of gasoline are being brought from further east, and from Mexico.

And still the cry is for more. The crops must be taken care of first; the tractors and farm trucks must be supplied, and the irrigation pumps, etc., etc.

But there are several notes of hope. Following is one paragraph from the Bulletin's advance pages mentioned above:

"The gasoline shortage will grow less acute as summer wanes; precisely when conditions will be back to normal, and supply and demand equalized, is difficult to foretell. With the lessening of demand at the end of summer and the supply of crude oil constant—and there is every reason to believe that this supply will remain constant for some time, with possibilities of increase—the shortage should not be of great duration, and a steady improvement should be manifest shortly.

There must be more gasoline produced, or substitutes must be found, or there must be a rush to hydro-electric power; the water powers must be harnessed.

That is the ultimate solution, any way, and the permanent solution—for electricity will never run out, as long as the sun shines and water runs; and, as Mr. Edison said, electricity is the only thing in the world that is constantly growing cheaper.

The Oregon Motorist says traffic must be taken care of during new road construction; that "the cost of providing a safe, serviceable route around a section of a road being improved is as much a part of the cost of the improvement as is the actual cost of construction. It should be included in the engineer's estimate, and the detour be made a part of the contract, unless undertaken by state or county forces. Surveys and plans should include the location of detours which will be safe and passable."

In spite of the high cost of clothing, we see no tramps anywhere. Where are the travelers? Possibly gone east to join the third party.

America needs something of a humorist for a president. We have pulled a platitudinous face too long. Senator Harding is a dandy kelly-player.

A colored citizen in Memphis is reputed to be able to burn a hole in a handkerchief by breathing on it. What a fellow he would be to open the Cox campaign!

Let the sugar bowl and the flour bin be the high spots in the campaign and there will be no trouble in getting the women to march to the polls in November.

When a storm comes along and wrecks or "grounds" any part of the great web of telephone or telegraph wires which enmesh the United States the "trouble shooter" is sent for.

He runs down the "trouble," locates it at its source and the repair gang loses no time hunting for its job and getting to work. What the United States wants in its next president is an A No. 1 trouble-shooter.—Capper's Weekly.

The third party bunch of slackers and slickers and simps say they are going to sweep the country this fall. Looking at that bunch, the country does appear to need sweeping.

Salem Beautiful is the Salem slogan subject for The Statesman of tomorrow. Going to prove that this is the most beautiful city in the world, and has all kinds of chances of becoming very much more so.

Looks like old times to see the Bug River, Brest-Litovsk, Vilna and Pinsk in the daily dispatches from overseas. The situation in Poland looks as if the war, supposed to be over, had begun where it left off when the armistice was signed.

They lynched a colored man up in Duluth, and then a special grand jury found he was innocent. The joke is on the lynchers. But any one who would live in Duluth ought to be lynched, anyway.

Harding has tackled the hardest job of his life. He is trying to get Jimmy Cox and the Democratic party down to the brass tacks of definite declarations. It cannot be did.

LAST DAY

James Oliver Curwood's "Courage of Marge O'Doone"

Ye LIBERTY

FUTURE DATES

July 5 to 24—Summer school for rural pastors at Willamette university.
July 19, 20 and 21—Willamette valley tennis tournament, state hospital courts.
July 22, 23 and 24—baseball, Salem vs. Vancouver, Oxford park.
July 22, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Salem.
August 9 to 14—Buyers' week convention in Portland.
September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.
September 4, 5, and 6—State convention of Artesan lodges, Salem.
September 6, Monday—Labor day.

A NEW DOCTOR BUT THE SAME OLD REMEDIES



Long Suffering Patient -- "You can't fool me again. I want a new deal all around."

COX FINDS MORE THAN HE CAN EXPLAIN IN EDITORIALS OF HIS NEWSPAPER RELATIVE TO THE WAR

Copies of editorials published in the Dayton (Ohio) News, of which Governor Cox is editor and owner, declaring what should be America's attitude in the world war are attracting attention and comment all over the country. These uphold the U-boat raids on American ships, oppose the sending of troops to France, and advocate a combination of this country with the German navy to establish Teutonic control of the seas.

The attitude of the newspaper of Governor Cox on the sinking of the Lusitania has given his strongest supporters a distinct shock. That editorial appeared in the Dayton News on October 16, 1916, and had this paragraph:

Submarines Committed No Crime.

"We have not heard of many Americans biting their finger nails at the thought of the submarine activities. All of us feel sorry for a merchant vessel that is sent to the bottom of the sea, whether armed or unarmed. We feel sorry also for the man-of-war that is sunk immediately after an encounter. We sympathize with the soldiers who are losing their lives in the trenches, with miserable humanity in general. But our skirts are clear as regards the activities of the German U-boats. They have committed no crime against us. They have played the part of combatants, and respected our borders. We feel sorry for the men who have lost their lives in the war and for the women and children who have been made to suffer through no fault of their own; but it is not our war; it is the war of Great Britain and Germany, and we are not going to interfere with either side so long as our rights are respected."

Another editorial from the columns of the newspaper of the Democratic candidate for president just five days before the entry of the United States in the war said:

Allies Do Not Need Men.

"The best way to injure our enemy, if Germany should become our enemy, through a declaration of war, or because of a state of war, is to supply the deficiencies of the allies. These deficiencies consist of food and clothing and munitions of war. Instead of diverting our resources to raising an army of a couple of million men; instead of sending men abroad for sentimental purposes, we ought to go to work to supply the allies with everything they need, and they do not need men. We can best serve our own purposes by furnishing other matter than men."

Just before an overwhelming national demand compelled President Wilson to ask congress to declare war on the "Beast of Berlin," Governor Cox in an editorial felt this way about it:

"The war has wrecked the world and accomplished nothing for either side. Germany has gained nothing and lost much. The allies have gained nothing and lost much. The crime of all the ages has accomplished nothing save the wrecking of a smiling world. God grant that the next arm lifted to wield a sword so foolishly may be paralyzed and that the brain may be stopped from

thinking before it conceives of war."

On November 7, 1915, six months after the Lusitania was sunk with its toll of women and children, Mr. Cox's News said editorially:

"Nor is victory by Germany the worst thing that can happen. If the allies were to win, and their winning meant a great increase of Russian aggressiveness on the one side and of Japanese self-assertiveness upon the other, America might live to be very sorry that Germany had not won."

"The United States is to have the second navy in the world, and it will not be many years till it is actually engaged.

"Germany would have remained ahead of us but for the war. Her losses put her back.

"As for the navy of Great Britain, it so far outranks all others that no nation can hope to catch up with it.

"And here's a thing to remember when the world is talking war. The navy of Germany and of the United States combined would be much more powerful than Great Britain's. In other words, a combination of these two navies would have nothing to fear from the powerful fleets of the mighty Britain, and in war time, as has been demonstrated, nobody can guess what combination will take place."

Calls Wilson an Aid to Germany.

It will be recalled by this time, September 3, 1916, there was a widespread and almost overwhelming sentiment against Germany, since the German submarine activities had resulted in much loss of American life and German fostered conspiracy in the United States had blown up numerous factories, set fire to merchant ships and in other ways had offended the honor of the country. It is said to have been surprising that an editorial suggesting the possible co-operation of the American and German fleets at the time did not attract more attention.

This was the position taken by Governor Cox during the campaign of 1916, when he was running for governor on the ticket with Woodrow Wilson, stated both on the stump and editorially:

"Every indication now is that tens of thousands of these splendid people (Germans), still sympathizing with the fatherland, still believing in the righteousness of the German cause, still hopeful that Germany will win—there is every evidence that they will vote for President Wilson for re-election as the BEST MEANS OF AIDING GERMANY, as well as because the re-election of President Wilson will be an aid to the United States.

"Our German friends are coming to understand that it does not 'just happen' that most of the rabid anti-German people in this country are for Hughes. From Theodore Roosevelt down, the enemies of Germany are in the Hughes band wagon. So it is evident in this instance, as in all others, Woodrow Wilson has been the real friend of the American citizen who sympathizes with Germany."

In a speech in Cincinnati in October, 1916, Governor Cox said: "Two of the leading sponsors for

Justice Hughes are Elihu Root of New York and Theodore Roosevelt of Oyster Bay. In his first speeches Mr. Root declared that the president should have intervened when the Germans went into Belgium.

"Theodore Roosevelt said this government should have seized every ship in American harbors. Both have criticised the president for not doing the things which would have embroiled us in a war with Germany."

"The Germans are getting their eyes opened, and about one more speech from Teddy and the German-Americans will join in a triumphal victory for Woodrow Wilson in November."

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Big doings tomorrow—

And for three following days.

Salem is ready; all tricked out in holiday attire.

The Elks will feel at home in Salem, when they arrive. They must be made to retain the feeling.

There is not enough baling wire for the hay balers of this section, and there may be a good deal of loss on this account; in fact, has been already.

This lack harks back to the strike

In the steel mills last winter, and to various railroad strikes, and to a lack of cars, due to the government operation of the roads.

A lady came to The Statesman office yesterday to complain of some boys on wheels who ran ahead of her auto and kept looking back and defying her to run over them. She thinks they were impudent. They were.

"Bankers who have been predicting serious commercial difficulty have about given up that idea." That is an outstanding paragraph of the current weekly financial letter of Henry Clews, the Wall Street authority. He says Great Britain will take over France's share of the payment of the Anglo-French loan, in case France is not able to do so. So the United States will get the gold. Mr. Clews sees encouragement in this and many other things, including the good crops of nearly all kinds in this country.

Work equal to the pay received would be a good slogan—but so many folks would be throwing rocks at it.

A dealer reports that he is selling 9 ouija boards to one washboard. And that is one of the many things that ails us.

The fact that an astronomer has predicted the election of Harding by what he sees in the stars shows that the Ohio man ought to get the aviation vote.

"We quite agree with Senor Ibancz, he of the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," in relation to his "cave man" stuff. We know a lot of men who are looking for caves when the missus gets on her high horse.—Exchange.

London reports that wives cost more in Central Africa. And, at that, they don't have it any over the wives who live here. They are higher than ever.—Exchange.

At Yale college rifle shooting is recognized as among the "minor sports." Those who served in the

war had an idea that it was a major sport.

Of course, Shantung is one thing and Siberia is something else again, says the honorable Jap.

She—Henry, if we were both free again would you choose me to be your little wife?

He—Now, what do you want to start a quarrel for just as everything is going pleasantly?

"I tell you, Jim," said his father-in-law, "your wife is a woman in a thousand."

"I know it," said Jim, feelingly, "but you needn't rub it in."—New York Globe.

TODAY

Mary MacLaren In "THE AMAZING WIFE"

OTHERS TOO

Musical Comedy Tomorrow

Bligh Theatre