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road affairs in this field as to halt progress for a long time, and in the end it would do more harm than good. One thing, the matter should be hurried to a conclusion. Every day of uncertainty is detrimental to this section.

Oregon, where, according to detractors, "it rains 13 months in the year," must think more of irrigation, and do more of it.

One thing, the filberts and walnuts are not suffering from the drought.

The result of the Irish election shows a majority for the proposed treaty, but the next thing will be to crystallize the feeling.

It is to be presumed that George Tchitcherin, the busy man at Genoa, will cut a figure also at The Hague. He tactfully took a lot of teahouses at Genoa.

Republican and monarchist Germany are again tugging for the mastery. Dr. Wirth says that the republic must live; and recent demonstrations would seem to indicate that this sentiment is predominant in that country now.

THE IRONY OF IT

Four years has Russia wallowed in the slough of Communism. Innumerable stories, picturesque, sensational, condemnatory, apologetic, have been written about these years of mystery and horror and still the world at large awaits a definite show-down in this monster experiment with the theories of Karl Marx.

At least, so many affirm, the system has survived the undoubted suffering inflicted on the victims of this social vivisection.

But what has the experiment proved? Nikolai Lenin is a very sick man. If he dies the cause of Russian Communism will find itself in desperate straits. Out of a hundred and fifty million people, all supposedly rendered free and equal by this colossal experiment, there is none to take his place. The whole Red structure built on the denial of the individual and the apotheosis of the mob, risks crashing to the ground with the snuffing out of one individual life.

Think of it! What a delicious piece of irony! What a stupendous paradox! What a wonderful advertisement for the theories of Karl Marx!

Four years devoted to the extinction of individuality and the substituting of mass formation has produced—what? Not a nest of ants, not a hive of bees, where no one worker has a greater value than another.

But the creation of one Nietzschean superman.

It is as though some naturalist had set out to fill the ocean with millions of sprats and after four

years of desperate endeavor had produced instead one enormous whale. For the Red propagandists slyly admit that the Communist chariot cannot run without a king pin.

No autocracy ever initiated so absolute a one-man regime. Lenin was the sole planet in the Marxian firmament. Trotsky, his lark satellite, the Russian people but millions of specks in a milky way. Such is the admission, wrung reluctantly from the Russian soviets, reading with dismay and apprehension the reports of the German doctors on the sick men in Moscow.

Could the imp of the perverse have played a more sardonic trick to expose the fallacy of the Karl Marx theories. Were there ever engineers so absurdly "hoist by their own petard?"

They said, "nine-tenths of the world's wealth is owned by one-tenth of the world's people. We will change all this. In Russia henceforth 100 per cent of the wealth shall belong to 100 per cent of the people."

So they proceeded to cut off all heads capable of rising above the level of the mass—except that of the lord high executioner. Then they passed around among the Russian people all that remained—100 per cent of the nation's poverty.

Evidently the one capable head left to direct the Russian derelict accounted for its ability to keep afloat so long.

Russia under the czars was never so entirely ruled by one man as it has been in the interest of the Communistic principle.

Under the old regime the cry was, "The King is dead—Long Live the King!" But when, by the inscrutable decree of Providence, Nikolai Lenin is removed, the cry will be, "The King is dead—run every one for the tall timber!"

So we reach at least one clear conclusion from the Russian experiment. In no state of society can you remove the brain and expect the stomach to survive.

JAPAN AND SIBERIA

Cable dispatches from Tokyo report that Japan is about to evacuate Siberia.

The trouble is, Japan has so often evacuated Siberia. Siberia

FUTURE DATES

June 11 to July 7—Vacation Bible study school. June 29 to July 2, inclusive—Chesapeake regatta in Salem. July 1, Saturday—Annual Salem picnic in Portland, Laurelhurst park. July 2, Thursday—State convention of Tax reduction clubs in Salem. July 3 and 4—Monday and Tuesday, State convention of Artisans at Woodburn. July 5, Wednesday—Public playgrounds to open. July 29, Saturday—Marion county Sunday school picnic at fair grounds. September 2, 3 and 4—Lakewood Round-up, Lakewood, Or. September 13, Wednesday—Oregon Methodist conference meets in Salem. September 21, 22 and 23—Piedleton round-up. September 25 to 30 inclusive—Oregon State fair. November 7, Tuesday—General election.

seems to be a reversed version of the widow's mite. Every time Japan evacuates Siberia the total number of Japanese there, seems to increase and the total amount of territory occupied seems to materially spread out. If Japan continues to evacuate Siberia under the same terms the Rising Sun flag will be found floating all over Asia.

Japan, in truth, is playing a desperate game. She is losing faith and popularity with every power in the Orient and the Occident. Presently she will find herself isolated and alone.

Undoubtedly the Japanese government is fully cognizant of this dangerous prospect. She realizes however that an opportunity like this to acquire territory and commercial room will never come again. China is rising in power; Europe will not remain forever feeble in her own ashes. What advantages she does not now seize will be lost to her forever. Therefore, she is willing to take a desperate chance on the displeasure of the rest of the civilized world.—Los Angeles Times.

This is only partially true. Japan is no doubt sincere in her desire to withdraw her military forces from Siberia—or rather her leading statesmen are sincere in that desire, if her military men are not. But she has already penetrated far into Siberia with her "nationals"—with her business concerns; and her settlers; and she will no doubt continue this penetration.

That seems to be the policy of Japan now; and she will likely get farther with it than with a show of force; and she will also no doubt redeem her popularity, or rather allay the feelings of hatred towards her that exist all over the Orient. The race over there is for commercial supremacy now, and Japan has a long lead. But, with an awakened China, Japan will be kept on her mettle. If China can get herself together, and give her commercial and manufacturing and financial concerns a chance, Japan will have no easy race. The Chinese are at least as industrious as the Japanese; more so, on the average, and capable of greater burdens and longer hours of labor—and their organizing and commercial instincts will compare more than favorably with those of the Japanese. In other words, they are in the main better workers than the Japanese, and better business men. What they lack is a stable and helpful government. In the respect of helpfulness to her people, no government in the world exceeds that of Japan. Not even the Germany of the kaiser's time, or the Germany of the present under her great industrial leaders.

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SYNTHETIC MAN

The average man has no business to put on airs. An intelligent chemist can go to a drug store and get the stuff for a synthetic statesman for about 75 cents. According to a writer in the Journal of the American Medical association there is about enough iron in the average human body to make a ten-penny nail. There is enough fats to make five bars of soap. There is enough lime to whitewash a kennel. There is enough sulphur to kill a mess of fleas. There is enough blood to fill a lard bucket. There is enough phosphorus to adorn a dozen matches. And so on. The specialist has it all figured out, but when he is through one is convinced that the chemical elements can all be rounded up at the pharmacy for less than the price of a shaving outfit. In this connection, a writer in the Los Angeles Times declares that, if the scientist could only master certain combinations in assembling he could go down to the laboratory with a 10-quart pail and get the stuff to build a better citizen than Hiram Johnson for 90 cents! There is really no excuse for some folks having such exaggerated opinions of their own importance.

PAYING THE DOCTOR

When they got there, supper was not quite ready, so they went out to play in the yard, taking turns swinging each other in the big rope swing. When Anna's turn came to swing, she was high up in the air when she felt the board slipping. She tried to fight herself, but lost her hold on the rope, and when the board slipped out she was left hanging by one hand. "Jump!" screamed the girls, and Anna jumped. She landed wrong, however, and went tumbling over. When Mrs. Farnham came out and saw the rapidly swelling ankle, she had the girls make a chair with their hands and carry her to the house. "Now," she announced, "I'll get some hot water to soak the foot." Anna started to protest, but while all the girls stood around, Mrs. Farnham took off her shoe and stocking. Anna was laid up for several days. She spent most of the time sewing on buttons and darns.

patient was in a serious condition the physician might have to kill him off in a hurry and be skrimish for a new patient.

ELASTIC FINANCE

The old idea that a man can lift himself over the fence by his boot straps seems to have been adopted as the financial policy of Austria—with the fatal exception that Austria has no boots. But, at any rate, the Austrian idea appears to be to put every man on the government pay roll in a job of some kind and then let him have a press to print all the paper money to cover the rafter he has coming. As a result of this feverish competition a roll of embossed wall paper is worth much more than the same paper when it is printed as Austrian crowns. With everybody working for the government the government is being overworked.

NEW LESSON FROM BASEBALL

The baseball season gets under way. It has been the national sport since the Knickerbocker club of New York city started the world's first organized baseball club in 1845.

Six years before that Abner Doubleday took paper, quill pen, a ruler and an inventive brain and mapped out the "diamond." Abner certainly started something. He would have heart failure if he could come back and see a big league grandstand audience in action.

You never can tell what you're starting. Some of the things recently brought into existence will play as big a part in future American life as baseball now. Wholess, for instance.

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was a special called meeting. It will be necessary to elect the delegates at the regular meeting, Wednesday, July 5. This is the statement of Commander Joe Milton.

Election of Delegates By Legion Not Regular

Delegates to the state convention of the American Legion must be chosen at a regular meeting and since the meeting Wednesday

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Camp Cookery

For a warm day, there's nothing like a shady spot, even if it's only in your back yard, and an outdoor party on the Fourth and out-

with a piece of old carpet, for half an hour. There should be a little coating of frost all over the inside when the cream is put in.

To make one quart of plain ice cream, use 3 cups of milk, 1 cup of sugar, 1 cup of cream, and flavoring. Put the cream and milk and sugar in a saucepan on the fire and stir until the sugar is melted and the milk steams, but does not boil. Take it off and beat with the eggbeater until it is cold. Add the flavoring, and freeze. For a fruit ice cream, add a cupful of fruit juice just before

the cream is put in the freezer, and stir it in.

If you want to make an ice, try raspberry ice. Put two quarts of the berries through a colander and then strain in a cheesecloth bag. Boil together a quart of water and 3-4 cupfuls of sugar for twenty minutes. Then cool. Add the berries and 3 tablespoonfuls of lemon juice, and then freeze. Just like you did the ice cream.

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THE SHORT STORY, JR.

A Stitch in Time

Anna ran to get her hat. "Anna, dear," called her mother, "you have a great hole in the heel of your socking. It shows plainly." "Of course," sighed Anna sulkily, "something like that would have to happen. First you sent me back to wash my neck, and then I had to comb my hair again, and then you made me brush my clothes." "But you are so untidy," protested her mother. "If you'd just keep your clothes looking nice, there wouldn't be all this last minute hurrying. And you never start to get ready in time, anyway."

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