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Now this I say brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

THEN HOW?

After the vetoing of \$1,300,000 of the appropriations of the last legislature by Governor Patterson, there is still a shortage of \$2,000,000 for the present biennium—for this year and next year.

If there is any reader of these lines who thinks of voting against the proposed income tax on June 28, then how does he propose that the \$2,000,000 shall be provided?

Does he want the functions of the state government to stop? Does he want the insane of the state turned loose? And the men in the penitentiary? And those in the reformatories? Does he want the state to cease training the deaf and the blind? Does he want the courts to be dismissed?

Does he want the credit of the state impaired or ruined? If not any or all of these things, what does he want? What is his way out?

It is proposed in the bill to be voted on that ALL THE MONEY raised by the income tax shall be used to reduce the property taxes, excepting the \$2,000,000 of the amount for 1928 to balance the state budget.

It is also proposed by another bill to be on the ballot to restore the 1923 tax base of \$3,500,000 after 1928; and this bill specifically includes any money from an income tax in the 6 per cent limitation—

Thus absolutely defining what shall and what shall not be considered in that limitation. This companion bill must be passed by the people, along with the income tax bill. The millage taxes of the state schools and for other purposes, voted by the people, cannot be included. They have not been, in any estimate of a deficiency.

If there is a voter who has any suggestion for a better way than that proposed to balance the state budget, and to keep it balanced, and to keep unimpaired the credit of the state, let him be heard. The columns of The Statesman are open to him.

If he wants any state activities abolished, which ones does he suggest?

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS

An incidental event calls to mind the early months of 1898; the sinking of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor and other indignities and atrocities, leading up to the declaration of war by our country against Spain in April of that year—

To which declaration the United States and the rest of the world owe a vast debt in the progress of events in the less than 30 years which have marched since in the unending files of history—

And in observing Memorial day too little attention, in proportion to the great part they played, is given to the Spanish-American War Veterans who make up a part of the patriotic processions on May 30th.

No man was drafted in that war; they were all volunteers. "The war with Spain was undertaken not that the United States should increase its territory, but that oppression at our very doors should be stopped," said President McKinley, after the great victories from Manila to Santiago, from Guam to Porto Rico, and the terms of the peace treaty had been made.

It was a war for humanity and in behalf of a heroic people, who for many years had been struggling against cruel atrocities, oppression, and the despotism of a decaying monarchy.

It made the United States a world power. It answered in the affirmative the first recorded question of history, "Am I my brother's keeper?" for the most powerful nation of the world.

Our country had participated in the bombardment of Japanese ports and in the assessment of indemnity along with the other powers—and had given back her part of the indemnity money, which was used by Japan in building the Shimonoeki breakwater protecting the entrance to the port of Yokohama. Our country had returned to China a large part of her share of the indemnity money assessed by the participating powers after the Boxer rebellion—

But it was for the peace treaty of Paris after the Spanish-American war for our country, the victor in every battle, to pay to Spain, the defeated nation, twenty millions of dollars, a thing theretofore unheard of.

By that war the United States was made one nation in sentiment and purpose, with sectionalism blotted out—

And it was made a nation with sentiments of responsibility for all humanity. It was made a nation that could undertake the greater task of concluding the World war, with the approval of 100,000,000 of our population. But for the Spanish-American war, who can say our country would have joined in the World war?

The victories of Dewey and Roosevelt and Otis and all the rest, including our own Oregon boys and the battleship that carried the name of our state 13,000 miles to meet and conquer, with her sister ships, a Spanish fleet, and the terms of the Paris protocol—

These brought grave responsibilities. Pursuing duty may not always lead by smooth paths; but

pursuing duty for duty's sake is always safe and honorable. It is not within the power of man to foretell the future and to solve unerringly its mighty problems. Almighty God has His plans and methods for human progress, and not infrequently they are shrouded for the time being in impenetrable mystery. Looking backward we can see how the hand of destiny builded for us and assigned us tasks whose full meaning was not apprehended even by the wisest leaders of their times.

The Mayflower pilgrims did not realize the world embracing sweep of their compact sealed in the cabin of their frail vessel on the uncharted seas. Our colonial ancestors did not enter upon their war originally for independence. Abraham Lincoln did not start out to free the slaves, but to save the Union.

Our people knew Cuba and the plight of her people. They understood the rage and rottenness of a moribund monarchy that could sanction if not direct the murder of a ship load of American forces in what should have been a friendly harbor—

But a very small proportion of our people knew the Philippines. Some one said at the time that most Americans were then in doubt as to whether the name Filipino meant a tribe in the South Seas or a handle for a new kind of soap—

But the fateful morning of May 1, 1898, when Dewey with his fleet sailed past the frowning Spanish guns into Manila bay, every tenth citizen of our country became a brown man or woman—

And the United States became responsible for the protection of their rights and the destiny of their government—

The Philippines and Porto Rico became American territory, and Cuba became a free country.

But the priceless principles that animate our people undergo no change under a tropical sun or a frozen waste. They go with the flag. They are wrought in every one of its sacred folds and are inextinguishable in its shining stars.

"Why read ye not the changeless truth, The free can conquer but to save."

In the spirit that was manifested in the gift of Shimonoeki, and in the gratuity of the Boxer indemnity money that has borne a large part in the training in the universities of this country of the Chinese students who have become leaders in all walks of life in that nation of a fourth of the human race, and highly exemplified in the deeds and conclusions of the struggle with Spain, this country of ours has become the leader of the world in the things that are altruistic in every nook and corner of all the lands under the bending skies—

The spirit that fed the starving children of our enemies in Russia and Germany; that has leaped to the relief of earthquake shaken Japan and famine swept China and has gone to the succor of every one in need everywhere, whether friend or foe—

The spirit that holds the torch of good will and sympathy and understanding high for all the earth's peoples—

The spirit that sent Lindbergh to the mother of Nungesser.

In that spirit the Spanish-American War Veterans rushed to the colors in 1898, and gave to their country the larger vision that grows brighter in the course of the unwinding years

Prof. G. R. Hyslop, agronomist of the Oregon Agricultural college, is out in a statement that the predictions in the cable dispatches from Belfast that the new J. W. S. flax seed will make linen as cheap as cotton are not justified; nor the claims that flax from this seed will produce two times as long as that from ordinary flax fiber, and that it is free from sticky substances so that it will require less labor in the retting process. Probably the claims for Belfast are a trifle optimistic. The Oregon state flax plant is trying out this seed this year, under favorable conditions. More will be known about it within two or three months. But Prof. Hyslop, who is a competent man in his field, will admit that there are a flock of other events coming to pass, promising to reduce the cost of flax fiber below that of cotton fiber. Among them the use of the newly invented automatic scutching machine, one of which will within a few weeks be in operation at the Oregon state flax plant.

Inventive genius in this country, coupled with mass production, are tending to keep up high wage scales, and thus maintain consumer demands. And new lines of employment due to new inventions, and a moderate influx of new people, are tending to increase the volume of demand for the output of industries on the land and in the cities and towns. This also makes for lower costs per man, enabling the development of foreign markets in many lines. All of which portends continued prosperity in the United States. There will be prosperity as long as the consumer demand can be maintained.

Bits For Breakfast

Memorial day well observed—

And the weather man was kind.

The Salem canneries are tuning up for gooseberries, with strawberries just around the corner. Sunshine is wanted, but not too warm nor too long continued. Just enough to ripen the berries, and keep them coming over a long season.

Ramsay MacDonald of England, after visiting the United States, reports to his people that this country will likely soon produce "articles on a scale of costs which will secure them a world market." That is, though we have the highest wage scales in the world, we have also the highest production per man, owing to the American genius for mass production and the skillful handling of machinery. This is well illustrated by the rice growers of California. They are sending rice to China, to compete with that grown in that country. The wage scale in China is around 30 cents a day. In California, in tractor farming, \$5 to \$7 and more a day—and the men running the tractors are largely American Chinese. But they make machines do the work, under the direction of Americans with their ideas geared up to

methods of mass production and the best use of mechanical devices.

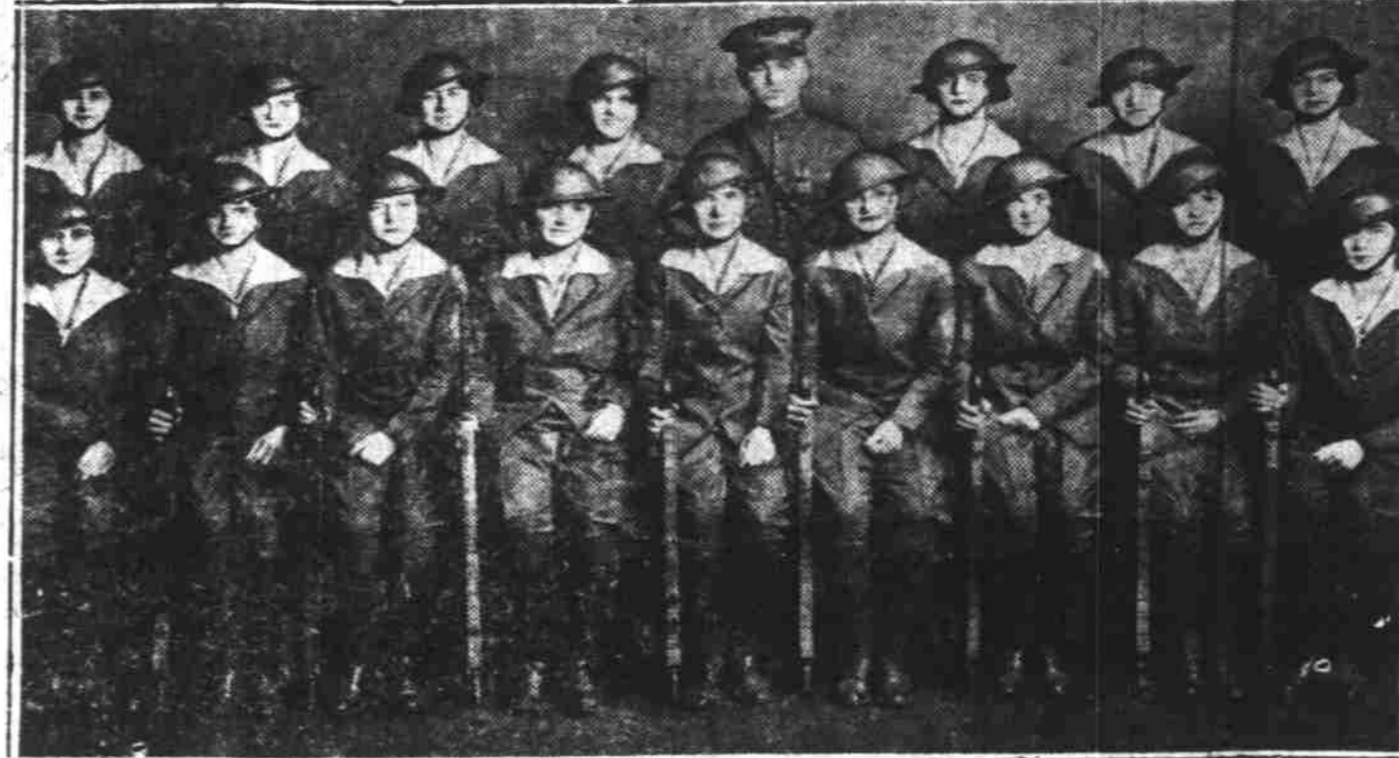
Before the war, Germany depended on Chile for nitrates largely. Germany is now selling nitrates taken from the air by her manufacturers to Bolivia, neighbor of Chile. The United States still depends largely upon Chile for nitrates. But Germany proposes to invade our markets with mixed fertilizers. And in our country water powers are running to waste that are capable of making the nitrates for our own use and that of a practically unlimited foreign demand.

Lindbergh did not find the London crowds any more polite than those of Paris when he made his landing. The Belgians were better behaved than either. Put that down to the credit of Belgium. How will the New York crowds stand in the comparison?

CIRCUIT RIDERS OF OLD OREGON HONORED AWAY

(Continued from page 1.) gave the principal address. A list of the ministers and their wives who are buried in the Lee Mission cemetery are: Jason Lee, Lucy Thompson Lee, Anna Mariah Pittman Lee, J. L. Parrish, Elizabeth Parrish, W. S. Lewis, H. K. Hines, Gustavus G. Hines, Lydia Hines, Ann J. Hines, N.

IOWA SENDS TIN HAT GIRLS TO PARIS



DAVENPORT, Iowa.—(AP)—The Yankettes are coming! Sixteen Iowa girls—the drill corps of the Davenport American Legion auxiliary and the prize feminine marching squad of the United States—are going to parade this autumn at the legion convention in Paris as they have paraded from coast to coast in this country since 1923.

In San Francisco, St. Paul, Omaha and Philadelphia the comely drill corps has paraded at American Legion conventions. For the last two years it has captured first honors in feminine drill competition. The year before that the corps ranked second, and in its first year, when no awards were offered, it received—and rejected

—offers of theatrical engagements.

The corps is made up largely of young women in business. No school girls and no matrons are on the roster. Marius Rudolph is drillmaster.

Davenport has raised \$4,100 to send them to Paris. The Iowa legislature has appropriated \$5000 more.

The rustling as many of these old and unused brands are now being used only by cattle thieves. Lytle estimates that approximately 50 per cent of all livestock brands now on record are no longer in use.

All stockmen with brands on record will be notified of the new law and blanks provided for re-

MUST RE-RECORD BRAND

All Stockmen to Be Notified of New Law and Get Blanks

The re-recording of all livestock brands in use in Oregon prior to September 1 is required by a new law passed by the last legislature, according to Dr. W. Cochran, Alvin F. Waller, Alife Waller, George P. Bennett, Emma Bennett, John Naugle, Elizabeth S. Grannis, L. Alderson, Mrs. Alderson, T.

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recording these brands, Lytle stated. To any who fail to re-record their brands by September 1 a second notice will be sent before any other stockman is permitted to adopt a recorded brand for his own use. Lytle declares that the new re-recording law will make available for use a number of good brands which are no longer in use by their original owners.

NATION HONORS WAR'S DEAD WITH COOLIDGE

(Continued from page 1.) tent that we establish morality in our own country. Unless we are an industrious, orderly nation, we can neither minister to our own requirements nor be an effective influence for good in the world.

"We have made our place in the world through the union and the constitution. We have flourished as a people because of our success in establishing self government. But all of these results are predicated upon a law abiding people."

"Unknown" Honored Immediately after the address, the president and Mrs. Coolidge, accompanied by members of the cabinet, went to the front of the amphitheatre to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, resting on the hill overlooking the Potomac river, and beyond Washington. Mr. Coolidge placed a wreath of lilies on the marble slab, then stepped back and stood for a moment with head uncovered. Mrs. Coolidge then laid a white rose beside the wreath and with the president stood silently a moment before returning to the capital.

In the group also were the representatives of this country's earlier wars and the official representatives of other nations.

Advertisement for Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway. It promotes 'Choice of Fine Trains Yours!' and lists round trip fares to St. Paul (\$77.65), Chicago (\$92.35), and New York (\$153.75). It also mentions 'Low Round Trip Fares to Portland Rose Festival June 15-18'.

Advertisement for Alfred-Billingsley Motor Co. featuring 'An Unusual Opportunity--'. It states the company intends to open an agency for Willys-Knight and Whippet Automobiles in the 'VERY NEAR FUTURE'. It describes a live, hustling sales executive to join with them in the enterprise.