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DIPLOMACY AND A FREE SEA

DIPLOMACY, when a real issue is involved, is dreadfully disheartening. Witness the stilted retort of England to our moderate request that American vessels in non-contraband cargo be withheld from neutral ports. Twice before, in controversies of somewhat similar sort, we answered Albion from the willing guns of J. P. Jones, O. H. Perry, and other naval gentlemen who pounded through the tough British oak, clean into the histories.

Today we are neither prepared nor inclined for this solution of vexing international dispute. Having from the first evidenced a righteous desire to refrain from mixing in the European strife, we have later been upheld in our judgment by the appalling proof of war's destructiveness of men and money. Should the sword be forced upon us, we would grip it with strong hands and turn to the fight with heartiness. But the popular wish is that strife be avoided in every manner consistent with honor.

Granting, then, that it is not the intention of America to offer a sacrifice of sons to the moloch, the solution of our difficulties must, perforce, be a peaceable one.

Britain and her allies are the present beneficiaries of our export trade. Would not a suggestion, couched in terms plainer than those of diplomatic usage, that America must retaliate against the injustice of vessel seizure, by a governmental fiat forbidding all exports to the Allies, be potent to cure the cause?

Germany is iron girt against American imports. Upon the trade assistance of this nation rests the success, if such be achieved, of the Allies' arms. We may well decry the Teuton's taunt, that we are "pro-British", but our protest will fall flat and insincere if we do not back it with decisive action in the present crisis. To be neutral, a nation must be impartial in deed, as in thought. There's a bromide—but it is one that wears well.

If such a course were taken, the outraged manufacturers of our neutral nation—the chaps who are coining gross personal fortunes from the shipments of murderous hardware—would cut loose a stentorian wail.

But, comrade, most of us would prefer the bellowings of a pink and pampered plute or so, to the gentler grief of women whose men pulled on the khaki to fight their country's foe—in the name of Capital.

EPISODE BY A TIE-PILE

THE MAN Who Never Had a Chance once met and talked with the Fellow Who Threw His Away.

Both were drearily discouraged.

"I worked for a guy, once," mumbled the M. W. N. H. A. C., "whose nose was never out of the ledger. Fortune sat up with him nights—the trumpet! Opportunity courted his near-sighted stare. Sans sense or social accomplishments, he made money and friends. Third time I played penny-ante in the office he fired me. The dam' dub! I never had a chance."

The F. W. T. H. A. was a comely young wreck—of the type that college fits for chromo picture agencies. His nose was not yet attuned to the delicate aroma of stale beer. He eyed his elder companion with disfavor.

"Who was the old tightwad?", he inquired, in bored abstraction.

The reply was once a name to conjure with.

"How singular!" exclaimed the younger man, startled from his shabby composure. "Why, he—he was my dad."

Thereafter the two toured together.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

J. B. Mason was elected mayor of Klamath Falls.

Ranchers of Grant county are complaining of shortage of help this year. Work has started on the telephone line between Wasco and Maryhill, Wash.

Quest for members for the new commercial club at Klamath Falls resulted in obtaining 75 names.

A special school election at Holly, 15 miles east of Brownsville, authorized a new union high school.

The annual Wasco County Fair and Rodeo will be held in The Dalles from September 28 to October 1, inclusive.

Three of the 156 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending July 29, resulted in fatalities.

G. D. Smith, a Baker fuel dealer, pleaded guilty to using short weights, and was fined the minimum under the new law, \$5 and costs, which he paid.

A special election will be held at

Donald in August to place an assessment of 5 per cent on assessed valuation for purposes of carrying on street work.

George Hayes of Pendleton was kicked by a mule and sustained several broken ribs and although seriously injured, it is reported he will recover.

Corporation Commissioner Schulerman gave permission to the Northern Grain & Warehouse company, of Portland, to increase its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

George Winters of Corvallis, a graduate of the state normal school at Monmouth, has been elected principal of the schools at Ballston, Polk county, for next year.

Three hundred persons attended the dedication of the Community hall erected at Dundee by the Dundee Woman's club. Dr. C. H. Chapman made the principal address.

Following the circulating of recall petitions against the members of the county court, Waldo F. Finn, roadmaster of Polk county, has filed his resignation with the court.

OVERDRAFTS

(SECURED & UNSECURED)

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Strange Trails

Goodbye, Old Man—and when, along the river, the willows whisper in the evening still, when the last shaft of daylight leaves the quiver to strike in flame the larches on the hill; there, when the friendly fire is laid and lighted, when the stout salmon breaks the pictured pool, when from his snag the sentry bird is frightened—the boys will set the coffee off to cool. And one will say, "At such a time, remember, we packed the duffle and by night we came—". And each will watch the grey ash dull its ember, and all shall speak your native. And none will grant that you have really watched by trails that bar the old time comrades out, or that the friendships of long years are squandered. Goodbye, Old Scout.

Goodbye, Old Man—the canyon walls are dimming; listen, and hear the deer steal shyly down; listen, the beaver splashes at his swimming. It's good to be so very far from town. We'll take a trail—who knows?—perhaps tomorrow, that leaves the river and forsakes this wood, whither the satchels, bowing to their sorrow, in simple faith proclaimed the hunting good. So, when we light a fire beside still waters, and stare in wonder at the stranger stars, and marvel greatly at the lustrous others—at length shall fall the bars. And none will grant that you have really wandered, and none will woo the old time grief and doubt—all shall be very clear, that we have pondered. Goodbye, Old Scout.

OBITUARY

Samuel T. Hodges was born in San Luis Obispo county, California, December 12, 1861, and died on August 2, 1915. In 1866 he came to Oregon with his parents, residing near Table Rock, Jackson county. In 1868 the family returned to California, making their home at Santa Cruz until the summer of 1873, when they returned to southern Oregon and for a number of years occupied a ranch in the Meadows district.

In 1887 he was married to Isora L. Gall, the daughter of prominent pioneer parents. Four children were born to the union, Albert Lee, Millie, Hattie and Letsy. The son met death in his tenth year by a tragic accident.

During the past eight years Mr. Hodges and family have made their home in Gold Hill, where he was senior member of the firm of Darling & Hodges. Previous to his association with Mr. Darling he was engaged in the mercantile business.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters, and by his brothers, Allen, of Eureka, Cal., Marion, of North Bend, Ore., Scott, of Stockton, Cal., and one sister, Mrs. Susan Raimey, of Beagle, Or.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence Wednesday afternoon, hundreds of local and out of town friends attending. Rev. C. E. Wharton read specially selected passages from the Bible and delivered the invocation. Lloyd and Rex Stratton, of Ashland, gave vocal and instrumental rendering of comforting hymns. Scores of floral tributes covered the casket with a profusion of tender bloom. The remains were taken to Sams Valley cemetery for interment.

Affectionately known to all southern Oregon as "Sam", Mr. Hodges combined a rare and quiet sense of humor, which made his pathway a genial one, with a strong sense of individual friendship. For his friends, and they were many, he would stake all and venture anything.

Few men know and love the rugged and beautiful wilderness of this section as he knew and loved it. No trail so distant or obscure that this master woodsman could not thread it as confidently as other men walk the streets of a village. Throughout Oregon he was known where ever the good fellows of the campfire met to talk of trails and game and wood lore.

Gold Hill, where many years of his life were passed, is a neighborhood that acknowledges its loss and its grief, and that wholeheartedly gives its sympathy to the wife and family of its absent citizen.

Card of Thanks

We desire very sincerely to thank the many friends who so kindly assisted in our recent hour of grief, and who tendered the many beautiful floral offerings.

—Mrs. S. T. HODGES, AND FAMILY.

Thirty-one of the 49 applicants have received state licenses to practice medicine in Oregon, according to information from the Oregon State Board of Medical Examiners.

Joe Brown, who stabbed Eugene Isaacs to death on the Klamath reservation about 50 miles north of that city, recently, came to Klamath Falls and surrendered to the police.

Five brothers are members of Leonidas Lodge, No. 36, Knights of Pythias, of Seila. They are Frank, Geo, Ar-

Stock Ranches — FOR — SALE

720 acres, solid body, in Meadows district, small house and good barn, old orchard in bearing, several good springs, about 40 acres under cultivation. Price \$12.50 per acre.

665 acres, near Debeneger Gap, 16 miles from Gold Hill, over 100 acres under cultivation, 10 room house, good barn, live creek through it, and several springs, all good land. Price \$35.00 per acre.

200 acres near Beagle, finely improved, including stock and all agricultural implements, all for \$40.00 per acre. Terms. 604 acres in one solid body five miles out, Sams Valley district, nearly all under cultivation, no better alfalfa or grain land in this county. Price \$100 per acre.

180 acres on Foothills Creek, 7 miles out, 45 to 50 acres under cultivation, as much or more could be easily cleared and cultivated, almost unlimited range for stock, good house, two large barns, hog and chicken houses, good stream through it. Price \$75.00 per acre.

160 acres near Asbestos, 20 miles out, some under cultivation, small house, large amount of small fruit, small bearing orchard, most of this is heavily timbered, unlimited range for stock, several good large springs. This is a bargain at \$4500. Considerable stock and implements go with the place at that price.

Several other farms, large and small, several fine garden tracts from two up to 50 acres, improved and unimproved, several of them are decided bargains. If you want anything in this line it will pay you to call and see me, or write for particulars on any of the above.

C. S. REDFIELD—GOLD HILL, OR.

thur, Clifford and John Shelton. All of them reside in or near Seila.

In addition to scouring upwards of 500,000 pounds of wool this season, the Pendleton scouring mill has graded and baled in excess of 3,000,000 pounds which has been shipped in the grease.

A reduction of about 25 per cent in lighting rates of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company was made by the public service commission of Oregon. The order became effective on August 1.

Ten life and 17 five-year certificates have been issued as a result of the recent semi-annual teachers' examination in Oregon, it was announced by Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill.

A reform of the method of printing monthly county court proceedings has been effected by the county court of Clackamas county and as a result approximately \$75 was saved the first month, according to County Judge Anderson.

A meeting was held in Albany by the fruit growers of that section at which fire blight was the principal subject under discussion. Several prominent speakers were present, among them members of the faculty of O. A. C.

L. J. Simpson of North Bend has announced that he will not be a candidate for the republican nomination for congressman from that district. He had started to make the race, but will withdraw, he says, because of press of business affairs.

Herring by the wagonload have been shoveled up off the tideflats on the Siuslaw during the past week. The school of fish which entered the Siuslaw is said to be the first of its kind in seven or eight years, and is one of the largest, according to old residents.

Plans are being made at The Dalles to build a new road of 25 miles from Ward's Mill, 17 miles southwest of Dufur, to Government Camp. This highway, if built, would shorten the proposed "loop" road around Mount Hood from Portland by 30 miles. At the same time it would afford the tourist a wonderful scenic route, one of the best in this part of the state.

S. Benson, Portland philanthropist and millionaire lumberman gave \$100,000 to School District No. 1 for the purpose of building the first unit of the trades school building on the site recently purchased in East Portland. The only restriction attached to the gift is the condition that the school district contract to spend an equal amount during the year 1916 in the construction of the second unit of the same building.

The funeral of Lafayette W. Loughary, a veteran of the North Yakima Indian war of 1855-56, was held at the farm home in the Luckiamute valley. Mr. Loughary was 81 years old and had been a resident of Polk and Yamhill counties 61 years.

Approximately 80,000 gallons of crude petroleum have been spread over 50 miles of Polk county roads this season, outside of the incorporated cities. The oiled strip varies from eight feet to 18 feet, and Polk county now claims the best summer roads in the state.

The state land board has turned over to State Engineer Lewis for investigation a proposal that the state join with a number of land owners in the Dead Ox Flat irrigation district,

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on the Snake river, near Ontario, in a petition to the county court for dissolution of the district.

Governor Withycombe has appointed Henry E. Reed, assessor of Multnomah county; F. A. Ross, of Portland, and Charles V. Galloway, member of the state tax commission, delegates to the ninth annual conference on taxation, to be held under the auspices of the National Tax association in San Francisco, August 10-14.

All Polk county dogs must be muzzled because of mad dog scare.

The federal trade commission will spend a day in Portland, about August 16.

Two squads of convicts are now at work pulling flax for use in the state retting plant.

Charged with "beating up" a ranch hand, Bert Conklin, rancher, was fined \$10 at The Dalles.

Pendleton's new \$10,000 natatorium, built largely by public subscription, has been formally dedicated.

The Armsby packing plant at Dallas is installing an improved type of prune processor for rush work this fall.

A \$20,000 bond issue was authorized to construct an addition to Oregon City high school at the special election.

Work was begun on the Valley & Siletz railroad from Airle to Independence this week by a large crew of men.

The state industrial accident commission announced that 197 accidents for the week ending July 22 were reported to the department.

Mrs. Serrena Adams, aged 75 years, and for more than half a century a resident of Douglas county, died at Roseburg after an illness of a week.

About 150 members of the Oregon naval militia left Sunday morning aboard the United States cruiser Albany for 15 days of theoretical warfare.

One hive of bees, owned by Will Dennis, living three miles from Dallas, produced 42 pounds of honey, at the second gathering this season, valued at \$5.75.

Increase in school population without an increase in the interest of the school fund will cause the allotment per capita in the state to be smaller this year than last.

Petitions bearing the signatures of 352 voters of the county for the recall of Joseph K. Starr, district attorney of Wheeler county, were received by Secretary of State Olcott.

W. B. Young, for several years principal of the high school at The Dalles and last year an instructor in Salem high school, has been elected principal of the Albany high school.

A growers' congress, for the purpose of learning about fire blight, which has taken a hold in Linn county, was a feature at Albany of the morning of public sales day.