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WHEN TROUBLE PLAYED

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

Life ain't a riddle,
With only gloom around it,
Joy lost his fiddle
And Mister Trouble found it.

That was the saying—
The Gloomers formed a ring,
Trouble went to playing
And he didn't snap a string!

Single file and double
Troubles came that day,
Trouble played for Trouble
Till they danced themselves away!

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THE TREATY IS PARAMOUNT

THE theory of Mr. Martin that prohibition may overshadow the peace treaty as an issue next fall does not seem well grounded. The federal dry amendment was adopted by three-fourths of the states and it can be repealed only through action by three-fourths of the states, which cannot be secured. Therefore the nation is dry and it is going to stay dry. It is incredible that either political party would seek to set aside, by legislation or repeal, the mandate of the people as expressed in adoption of the amendment. The wets who think so are but chasing rainbows.

But if the peace treaty is not ratified by the senate the treaty and the league covenant become necessarily a real issue in the campaign. The question before the people will be whether they prefer the treaty with the Wilson view or the Lodge view. The president is for the treaty and the league with mild reservations, if desired. Lodgeism is opposed to the league and supports ratification only on a basis that actually means repudiation of the chief plank in the covenant.

The treaty should not have to become a political issue. It should be ratified but if it is not ratified how will anyone be able to consider it as anything less than the paramount problem to be settled?

FOREIGN TRADE AND EXCHANGE

FOREIGN trade figures given to the public on Tuesday furnished a considerable surprise to some who had been expecting to see them reflect sharp reductions in exportations. Not only did they fail to indicate anything of the kind but, on the contrary, the increase over December was very marked and the only encouraging feature from the broad general standpoint of international adjustment was the fact that importations had increased very much more rapidly than had been true of exportation. The figures, however, constitute a record export trade for January, being far ahead of those of a year ago. That there has been a falling off in many important lines is, however, not to be disputed and can be harmonized with the situation shown by national statistics only upon the assumption that the government figures are, as they have so often been reported to be, considerably behind the times, besides failing to discriminate between goods actually sold and those consigned. Be this as it may, the fact that so great a volume of exports had in fact been in process of shipment accounts for the sharp decline in sterling which carried that currency to a low figure of \$3.18 early in the month. The developments of the past week have, however, shown a strong resisting power in sterling; and its fluctuations, though they would ordinarily be considered wide, have not been so when compared with the situation during the past few weeks. Demand sterling has held quite consistently at a point near \$3.40, while both francs and lire have moved closely in sympathy with it and have shown only moderate fluctuations. The checking of the export trade is undoubtedly in progress and as this proceeds the reflex effect upon exchange ought to be a decisive one.—From the Clews Financial Review.

When the center parking strip is filled as it usually will be on busy days and a farmer or other store patron cannot leave his car at the curb for even a few minutes to go inside for the transaction of legitimate business he is going to feel peeved and he will have a right to such feelings. The streets are intended primarily for traffic, not for storage purposes.

Politics like charity, should begin at home. We are all interested in national affairs, but we cannot do much towards swinging things either one way or the other. However the people of Umatilla county may accomplish results of genuine benefit if they will cooperate as they should in bringing out good men for county positions, particularly for the judgeship.

Too Much Appetite

may be as dangerous as too little

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Mrs. W. W. Caviness was taken suddenly ill Saturday while coming up on the train from the Caviness farm. She is somewhat improved today.

W. B. Mays has been awarded the contract for Rudolph Martin's brick on Main street and will push work with all possible expedition.

AN OVERSEAS DIARY

(By Rev. J. M. Cornelison who served with the Y. M. C. A. overseas.)

Wednesday, Oct. 2.—The fellows seem very appreciative of my humble efforts as cook. Especially is this true of our truck driver "Red" Talcott. He smacks his mouth, loads up his plate and says "darn it Jimmy! where did you get on to all this cooking. I thought you were a preacher. You are not a preacher, you are a minister and a real guy. You sure will make some woman a good wife when you get home." "Red" is one of those walking, radiating human bits of humor and keeps all in a good state of mind and feeling. He is not large. They used to much of him to make his heart, that there wasn't much left

over to enlarge his body. I will cook so badly cut up in the drive of recent or do anything for him. The 25th and 30th divisions are moving back for a few days of rest and reorganization and for replacements, since they were

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