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### A WINTER PROSPECT

(By Frank L. Stanton)

The winter ways are weary,  
The winter ways are long;  
But well-a-day for dreams of May—  
There's sunshine still, and song.

The trees stand bleak and barren  
Grim sentinels of woe;  
But far away red deeps of May  
Beyond the hills of snow.

Out of the night so lonely,  
Where thick the shadows throng,  
God weaves us dreams of sunshine  
And gives us souls for song!

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### UP TO THE PORTLAND PRESS

THE Oregonian tries to defend its opposition to the normal school measure in 1918 by saying that the school at Monmouth was then not crowded and that it was right in urging that the bill be defeated.

But the war was virtually at an end when the election was held in 1918. In fact the armistice was already under consideration and was signed a week later. Furthermore the normal measure submitted by the legislature specifically provided that if the bill carried no construction work should be undertaken until after the war or until in the judgment of the officials it was advisable to act.

The East Oregonian's charge still stands that the first step towards correcting public school conditions in Oregon is to educate the Portland press. The Portland newspapers have been all but indifferent to normal education in this state and normal education goes to the very heart of the public school problem. The Oregonian has been no more derelict than the other papers. In fact the Oregonian supported the Pendleton measure in 1916 and an explanation for the Oregonian attitude of 1918 might be found in the fact the editor, Mr. Piper, was then in Europe. But be that as it may, the Oregonian's course in 1918 was wrong and the facts prove it. We have a serious teacher shortage and the shortage is by no means wholly due to insufficient wages. Another reason is that we have an inadequate source of supply. The little school at Monmouth is not serving the needs of the state and never will be able to do so. The facilities are poor and attendance must be limited by the fact there are so few grade pupils in Monmouth that practice teaching can be provided only for a small number of normal students.

Some day Oregon must awaken on this subject and the sooner the better. It would help immensely if the Portland press would take a live interest in the subject and put their hearts into the cause, which they have not done in the past. If Portland papers want to attempt further education of the East Oregonian they will find this small daily ready to study hard upon the subject but totally unable to see how we are going to secure a full supply of normal trained teachers without providing normal training facilities.

### IT WONT HURT TO BE PREPARED

FOLLOWING the civil war there was a period in many respects like the present. Prices were high, labor became scarce and there was extravagance on the part of many. The final result was a depression that was a whizzer.

Some believe history will repeat itself but this will not necessarily be the case. The banking system is totally different from what it was then and the banking system is the key to it all. The federal reserve system is able to apply remedial measures and is doing so. It is working towards deflation. It advises against undue credits and urges thrift. The soundness of such counsel cannot be questioned.

What the future has in store no man can say. One view is that there will be a bump but that it may not be severe and will be followed by a period of extended prosperity. The real answer is probably contingent on the degree of common sense that people manifest. But it is time to think of a rainy day and the overcoat and umbrella you will need if it strikes. It takes all sorts of weather to make the world go round and those who look for nothing but sunshine make a mistake.

### CHECKING WAR AT ITS SOURCE

THE president's position on the Adriatic issue is that the territorial questions involved should be settled on a basis of justice to the people in the territory not with a mere view to placating the rival neighbors who want to grab something for their own aggrandisement. It is a new way of handling affairs in Europe but it is the right way. You may say it is none of our business, but it is. The old way breeds warfare and warfare involves us as we have learned at the price of many billions and 100,000 soldier graves. If we are to assure peace we must get to the heart of the trouble and stop it at the source. That is exactly what Wilson is doing on the Adriatic. More power to him.

Salem may become the Butte of Oregon, says the Daily Statesman. Why knock?

If You've Any Doubts

as to whether coffee is a friend to your nerves, drink two or three cupsful at bedtime and think about it during the wakeful night.

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### ANGLERS BARRED FROM 300 FEET BELOW DAM

Fishing of any kind or in any manner in the Umatilla river from the Harrison Dam for a distance of 300 feet down the river, will be closed March 21, according to the edict of the State Fish and Game Commission. It will remain closed until again opened by the commission.

The commission says the action is necessary in order to protect the trout and other fish inhabiting the Umatilla. The order by the commission says that any person found fishing in the closed part from and after March 21 will be prosecuted.

Last year the commission found it necessary to close fishing in Meacham Lake in order to protect the trout.

### FRIEND OF LADY ASTOR



AGNES CHALMERS

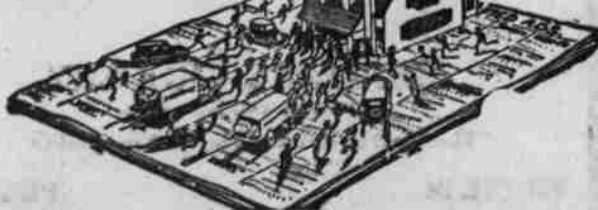
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