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THE BREAKFAST SONG
(By Frank L. Stanton.)

The bird has been to breakfast,
That's why its notes are ringing,
And wouldn't I
Put sorrow by
Could I get mine by singing!
But I— I have to do my bit,
And dig and delve like rip for it!

The world's a smaller world today,
Arising in the fit;
One has to rise
With hungry eyes
And lose the race, or win it.
One cannot dream a mean away!
Unheeded, no sunshine makes the hay.

Breakfast must be for man and bird,
And toil should not be sorrow;
But one meal won,
Ere far we run
This breakfast time tomorrow!
Still, life is better than it seems;
The dark grants space for sleep and dreams.
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THE FEARFUL COST OF ALOOFNESS

THE question of gradual disarmament by the nations of the world has been pigeon-holed at the meeting of the League of Nations council. France and Japan have privately refused to consider reductions in their armies and navies until the United States agrees to similar reductions. Their attitude is the most natural thing in the world. No nation is going to disarm unless others also disarm. There must be unity of action and, as long as this country remains aloof such unity of action is impossible.

And so we go on pouring out our money on the agencies of destruction. Last year we paid over \$1,000,000,000 for army and navy expenses and the bill this year is \$875,490,806. Because of war and the fear of war, our government is now spending \$92.23 out of every \$100 raised for all purposes.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, the United States spent for civil administration only \$3.00 per capita and this included the cost of executive, judicial and legislative activities, scientific, educational, development and all public work. For the same period our federal government spent \$51.00 per capita for war purposes.

Upon that basis the city of Pendleton alone was called upon to pay \$374,595 last year on the government's war bill. That was a sum far in excess of all our local taxation combined. Every industry, every business house and every man, woman and child, rich or poor, had to bear a part.

It was not a direct tax, else the complaints would have shaken the foundations of our government. It was a concealed tax, an added cost to the things we eat, the things we wear and the things we use in everyday life. And it was collected from everyone of us in dollars and cents.

Argument and pleas for disarmament, to the end that the colossal waste of money on armies and navies might be stopped and the money diverted to constructive use, have been made for generations, but it was not until the European holocaust had shown the folly of war that any progress was made toward securing an international agreement for such a boon.

The League of Nations is the instrument through which the nations of the world hope to accomplish this purpose, and the country which through refusal to join the league or through other aloofness, blocks this great human reform is accepting a fearful responsibility before God and man.

When the subject is viewed in this light, President-elect Harding's conferences with the "best minds" on the league issue assumes an importance far beyond the weight that could attach to the discussion of any mere political topic. It will be a waste of time for any set of men or any political party to talk of economy or tax reductions unless something is done to reduce the one form of taxation that has grown so heavy it seriously imperils civilization.

THE SUPER WHEAT SHIP

FROM the standpoint of future results the arrival at Astoria Friday of the mammoth British steamer Orca, is viewed by many as an incident of more significance than the recent interstate commerce decision giving Portland a 10 per cent differential on grain shipments from the territory south of the Snake river. Portland was given a differential of a cent a bushel and has acclaimed the decision as a great victory. The decision did recognize, and justly so, the distinction between a water grade and a mountain haul.

However, the feeling prevails at Seattle and Astoria that the differential will be offset by other features. For one thing they have in mind the tendency to the use of larger ships, of such draft that they cannot reach Portland, and the arrival of the Orca lends color to the theory that the day of the big ocean carrier is at hand.

The Orca will carry away 565,000 bushels of wheat for Max Houser and when loaded will draw so much water that she could not enter or leave San Francisco bay with such a cargo. No such ship could reach Portland with that cargo.

It is powerful testimony as to the merits of the Astoria harbor and the story has an interest for the farmer also. Every move that reduced ocean charges works to the advantage of those who have wheat for export. There is a natural economy in the use of large ships just as there is in the use of long trains on favorable grades. The sooner we see large ships calling regularly at the mouth of the Columbia the sooner will charter rates be made lower.

With a water grade haul from the interior to her docks and with a harbor sufficiently deep for the largest ships afloat Astoria has advantages that are certain to count heavily in the future. Time may soon see Astoria rivalling or surpassing both Seattle and Portland in wheat exports. If so the farmer will have no need for worry. Two markets are better than one and three markets will be better than two.

Crime may not be more prevalent than in the past but it is certainly more promiscuous.

If dissatisfied or dispirited, try doing something for others; it's a sure cure.

Where is that park some people want to buy with the Til Taylor memorial money?

The Lord loveth the cheerful giver, but it is also said that whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth.

Just the same it has been a fine open winter.

HONEYDEW! SHRIMP! TOMATO! RATTAN! CRAZY? NO. ITS' THE SPRING COLORS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Whitla Madame and Mademoiselle New York squint though the jama of Christmas shoppers, the fashion world which makes styles in concerning itself about suitable coats for springtime. Practically every clothing manufacturer is working upon raiment for balmy days. Although they will not give decisive style ultimatum as concerns the coming season, they do lift the cover, so to speak, from the porpourt of colors, line, and fabric and give tantalizing little whiffs of what the future kind may expect.

There is a kind of color. The Textile Color Card Association of America has issued its spring colors. These colors are very gay and rainbowy. Orange-yellow combinations verging from lightest to medium shades are very good. These hues are named Honeydew, Shrimp, and Rattan. Red-orange-yellow combination continue in favor. There are three shades of these known as Tomato, Paprika, and Pimento. There are some wonderfully soft new dull greens and blues. There are reds ranging from brilliant Folly to a maroon.

Five Colors Rule New Blouses

Waist makers have selected from this chart five colors which they are featuring in the new blouses they are now making. The five are Zinc, a medium gray; Honeydew, Paprika, a blue like the china of that name; Rattan, a yellow-tan; and Tomato. The blouses which are being developed in these shades continue the tunic or peplum line, and most of them are slip-overs. Some houses are endeavoring to push back into popularity the flesh and white georgette blouses. These are made with all the trimmings concentrated upon the front, so that the waist may serve as a suit skirt. In fact, this fad of bedecking Millady's straight-front is carried out in most of the blouses. Braiding, embroideries, soutaches, tinsel, beadings, or appliques trail their festive art across that sartorial expanse, commonly known as the "gravy-dripping region."

Another whiff from the fashion cauldron tells us that both afternoon and street dresses will be mainly made of blues, sand and gray, in contrast to the blouse realm of more garish hue. Dresses will be fuller, even a wee bouffant, although the choker collar and basque remain "among those present." Slashed tunics over contrasting foundations will reign supreme. Field taffetas in conservative colors, such as gray and blue, or brown and sand, will be in vogue.

THE FUNNYBONE

Lawsonia.

"I couldn't sleep last night because of that lobster."

"I couldn't sleep because of a con-founded cat!"

"How long have you been having cat for supper?"—Kasper (Stockholm).

Question of Direction.

Arithmetic, according to the average small boy, was simply invented in order to give teachers a good excuse for punishing their unhappy pupils. And, certainly, little Tommy Smith found it the unpleasant feature of his young life.

"Now, Tommy Smith," said the school teacher one morning, during the usual hours of torture, "what is the half of eight?"

"Which way, teacher?" asked the youngster, cautiously.

"Which way?" replied the astonished lady. "What do you mean?"

"Well, on top or sideways, teacher?" said Tommy.

"What difference does that make?"

"Why," Tommy explained, with a plying air, "half of the top of eight is nought, but half of it sideways is three."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

GIBBON RESIDENTS KEPT BUSY COMING AND GOING

(East Oregonian Special.)

GIBBON, Dec. 13.—Mrs. A. W. Cook spent Saturday in Pendleton.

The Misses Mary and Ruth Grover and Evelyn Williams were Pendleton visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Earle Robie spent Sunday at Duncan with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Robie.

Jack O'Mera was in La Grande Sunday on business.

Mr. Simons and son Gene were in Pendleton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brace and Mrs. Jack O'Mera went to Pendleton Monday.

Ruford Price of Weston is spending a week here at the home of his sister Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson.

Miss Estella Keyton was in Pendleton Monday.

W. W. Hoch was a Pendleton visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson and little daughter were Pendleton visitors Wednesday.

Miss Belva Williams returned Tuesday from Hinkle where she was working second trick operator for a week in the absence of Mrs. Matott on a visit to La Grande.

Roy Swart was in Pendleton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Pambrun of Reed and Hawley Mountain are here visiting at the homes of their daughters Mrs. W. W. Williams and Mrs. Treff Sears.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Allison, forest rangers from near Pilot Rock who have been working on the forest road between Bingham Springs and Corporation Ranger Station left Tuesday night for their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson spent Thursday in Pendleton.

Forest Ranger Floyd Kendall left today for his home in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brace left today for Hinkle where they will spend several days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Matott.

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GREETINGS, PETE!



Here I am tonight in Winston-Salem where more tobacco is manufactured than in any other place on the face of the earth!

When I knocked off for the day, I buzzed around like a hungry bee in a buckwheat field—and down long streets of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. factories!

As the Reynolds enterprises proved out more and more gigantic and I talked with more men about it, I got the real and true answer as to why Camels are so good and so entirely different from any other cigarette! I'll spin it for you, old top—listen!

Every man I talked with made the one big point that the officials and the more than 350 Reynolds foremen have an inborn knowledge of the tobacco business; that (putting it into a North Carolina expression) they were virtually "born and raised in a tobacco patch"; that they know tobacco; how to grade it, blend it, and how to manufacture and sell it!

And, what's most important of all, Pete, these Reynolds folks sure give men what they want—the best that can be produced! Why—Peter, it took months to perfect Camels Turkish and Domestic blend—and that refreshing flavor—and wonderful mild, mellow body!

Tomorrow, I'm going to meet some of the Reynolds folks. Got to see inside of these factories!

And, you know me!



Shorty Camel CIGARETTES

Not a Hoop.

"No, Your Honor, he didn't give a hoop whether I saw him coming or not."

"How do you know he didn't give a hoop?"

"Well, he didn't blow his horn."

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Why He Stayed So Long.

"I don't know what the young men of today are coming to," said Mr. Smith. "In my young days there was not any need for all this courting. The girls then—"

But he was cut short by the coal scuttle which Mrs. Smith accidentally dropped on his toes.

"I was only going to say, my dear," he remarked, when he had recovered his composure, "that I wish the young fellow who is calling on Christabel would go away and let us get the house shut up. It's just midnight."

At that moment there entered the small boy of the household. He had been, for the last hour or so, behind the draft screen in the drawing room, and vowed that he had enjoyed himself better than if he had been at a Punch and Judy show.

"It isn't his fault, pa," said the heir

30,000 EXTRA MAIL CARRIERS TAKEN ON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—Thirty thousand extra mail carriers, clerks and helpers are now beginning eight and day shifts to handle the biggest Christmas mail rush in the history of the postoffice department. This is in addition to approximately 200,000 regular postoffice department officials and employees. The public has been urged to double wrap every package, place inside the name and address both of the sender and addressee—and to mail early.

WOULD-BE BURGLAR IS WOUNDED IN ENCOUNTER

CHICO, Calif., Dec. 13.—Harry Lamberson who was wounded seriously here early yesterday by Policeman Jesse Harden, will live, physicians said last night. According to Harden, Lamberson resisted arrest when caught in an attempt at burglary. Police said Lamberson is the 29-year-old son of R. L. Lamberson, Portland, Oregon, farmer. He and his brother came here recently and registered as H. F. Jones and H. A. Smith of Oakdale, according to the police, who are holding the brother pending investigation.

ABOUT THAT XMAS GIFT

The Yuletide season is the one in which it is up to all to radiate cheer—brightness—sunshine.

That being the case—how can it be done better or more wisely than through the efforts creations and offerings of the florist.

Pay a visit once to Forshaw's in the Eagle Building. Look over his stock of imported art baskets, blooming plants, fresh flowers, etc.

Christmas Cheer for all the year

A solid year of Christmas cheer! Smiling faces and happy hearts! No time for worrying and crossing bridges!

Who does not long for a way to make that true?

Well, there is such a way and many are finding it.

Give Christmas presents that are useful and will be appreciated the year 'round. They'll recall to mind daily the happy occasion when they were given and received. Thus will the Spirit of Christmas be kept green.

People who put thought into their giving are saving "Merry Christmas" electrically, this year especially. Such presents invariably impress with their lasting elegance and good taste, yet they are not expensive. And their great service commands the instant appreciation of the user.

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