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A BILLYVILLE CHORUS
(By Frank L. Stanton.)

We're happy here in Billyville—O we're happy in the fold!
The sun comes up in silver, an' he always sets in gold,
There's joy from hill to valley—but the half has not been told!—
Shout in the ranks of Halleluia!

We're happy here in Billyville—the hive the honey spills—
A song of jubilation is a-ringin' from the hills!
We're the best of all the brethren, an' the best of all the brethren, an'
the best of all the hills!
Shout in the ranks of Halleluia!

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PARSIMONY VS. PROGRESS

If you will take note you will observe that as a rule the man who gets ahead in the world does not accomplish that end by working along year after year in the same rut. If he is a workman he strives to improve himself so as to earn a larger salary, or qualify for a bigger position. If in business he watches his opportunity with a view to expansion. He seeks to measure up to the possibilities open to him. It has been proven many times over that it is hard to cut down a tree with a pocket knife or to harvest on a large scale by use of an "Armstrong mower." Economy is a good virtue and is to be commended. Waste and foolish spending are inexcusable. Yet there are many who can testify that it is hard to become affluent when one's income is small and legitimate expenses continually increase. It is necessary to use some headwork.

Now if these things are true in private life do not the same principles apply to the state as a whole? Is Oregon as a state suffering from extravagance in city, county and state government, or is it suffering from failure to develop its possible resources? This newspaper frankly inclines to the latter view. Take note and you will find parsimony more common than profligacy in state, county and municipal affairs. Evidence in support of this contention is to be found on every hand.

We need to guard against waste and needless expenditure, of course. But we also need to seek out ways of spending money profitably. Much of Pendleton's progress in the last ten years has been due to the fact the people here had faith in the future and were willing to spend money on development. We have obtained a good water system, good school buildings, paved streets and have worked for good roads. All these things have increased the population and meant business expansion. If this place had not been willing to improve it would still be a small town.

The same rule will apply to the state as a whole. So long as this state features economy and slight development just so long will it remain in the backward class. People don't like to move into a town that is dead or into a state that remains stagnant. They want a region that is going ahead.

Big possibilities are open to Oregon. They cannot be surpassed anywhere in the country or in the world. We have greater and more varied resources than have many nations in Europe. Generally speaking, we neglect these resources and

preach economy. Perhaps we should not talk economy less but we certainly should talk progress more. If the Portland newspapers which largely dominate the thought of the state, and they are splendid papers, would get a bigger and broader grasp of the opportunities that are open to Oregon some wonderful results could be attained in the coming decade.

A FARMER'S VIEW OF THE PRICE SITUATION

Business and labor are admonished by George M. Wilber, farmer of Marysville, Ohio, that they must swing into line for economy and acceptance of post-war conditions. Mr. Wilbur is mentioned prominently for secretary of agriculture in the next cabinet. He delivered an address recently in Chicago on "Country Economy Versus City Extravagance," declaring that spending orgies of city people are bound to cease, as is already the case in the country. He argues that the middle man who does not add to the value of the commodity he handles or the convenience by which it reaches the consumer becomes a liability and should be eliminated.

Mr. Wilber makes it clear that his type of farmer wants only a square deal in prices. He wants his bushel of cereals, his bundle of hides, his bag of wool, his tobacco and his live stock to have the relative purchasing power they had before the war. It is the agriculturist's argument for either an advance in prices of agricultural products or the reduction of prices of commodities the farmer buys to figures which will give the farmer a chance to make a living.

Herewith are illustrations given by Mr. Wilber: Today the farmer receives only 14 cents for the calf hide which enters in a \$12 pair of shoes, and the skilled workman gets \$1.60 for making them, so that the cost in reaching the consumer is over \$10. A big, strong man can not pack enough steer hides into a shoe shop today to pay for one pair of shoes.

An ordinary bag of wool weighs 200 pounds and one man can not handle it. If he could the entire lot would not buy a suit of tailored clothes weighing 3 1-2 pounds.

It takes four bushels of my corn at present country prices to half-sole my shoes, and half a wagon load to pay my bill here for two days.

I could not carry into one of your thirst parlors enough cabbage to purchase a glass of soda water.

Thousands of bushels of apples are rotting in Ohio orchards this minute, while apples are sold at ten cents apiece by your Chicago fruit vendors.

Dark Virginia tobacco of a good grade is down as low as a cent a pound, as testified before the senate agricultural committee.

Idaho hay, along the lines of the Union Pacific, can not be marketed because the freight rate is almost equal to the selling price in Omaha. Adding the cost of baling and hauling to the selling price, the cost has exceeded the value of the hay at the Missouri river markets. The hay stays in Idaho while the railroad hauls empty cars past those ranches and loses all revenue.

FIRST UNIT OF SEATTLE ARTILLERY IS ORGANIZED

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—(A. P.)—Battery E, the first unit of the 146th field artillery which is to be raised in Seattle before July 1, 1921, was organized this morning at the armory when 46 or more students and alumni of Lincoln high school were given initial state inspection and physical examination. Quarters have been assigned a new battery in the armory.

Battery E will be recruited entirely from students and alumni from Lincoln high school and will be officered by Lincoln alumni. Within two weeks, the battery is expected to number about 80 men and will be given considerable time to reach the required

peace time minimum strength of 114 men and four officers.

Barrett-Herrick, Lincoln and University of Washington alumnus and regular army captain in the late war, has been given a provisional commission as captain and will be placed in command of the battery as soon as it is organized. He will have as one of his junior officers Ernest Wells, for eight years coach at Lincoln and at present acting as boys' advisor.

Red Troops Hurry to Frontier

PARIS, Dec. 29.—(U. P.)—With 60,000 bolshevik troops concentrated at the Latvian frontier, relations between Russia and Latvia are threatened, according to foreign office dispatches today.

DOLLAR DIVIDEND IS PASSED

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(U. P.)—The Anaconda Copper Mining Company yesterday passed a dollar quarterly dividend.

Promotes Fight For Charity



ANNE MORGAN

Miss Anne Morgan, chairman of the committee for the devastated in France and promoter of the Leonard-Mitchell lightweight world championship fight Jan. 14, will sell tickets for box seats at auction. She expects to make Madison Square Garden look like society night at a grand opera show on this occasion. Women, who are timid about attending prize fights, will get a chance to see a regular show promoted by a regular woman.

FROM THE PEOPLE

UMATILLA VISITORS ENJOY SOUTH

Long Beach, Cal., Dec. 22, 1920.

To the Editor of the East Oregonian:
Dear Sir:—Long Beach, California, appears to be a favorite spot for Umatilla county residents when they go south for a warmer climate and I take this opportunity to inform you about some of our neighbors and friends of our county. As I mention their names for your remembrance of their kind deeds and smiling faces, you will know why I am not lonely so far away from home. We often gather at public places and chat about the good times we have in old Umatilla county.

We have with us Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hales and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Morrison and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Mann and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Giese and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Winn and family, E. A. Dudley, better known as Jimmie, and Mrs. Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kherking and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Woodward and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Bunister, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. John Ogle, Mr. and Mrs. R. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. George Bradley and many others.

You who are well acquainted with Jimmie Dudley, L. L. Mann and G. M. Morrison, know they are large men, and good men. They are the star horseshoe pitchers of our company. We are proud of them. Other members of our party have a great mania for deep sea fishing. However, about one trip is all they care to take.

auto for the sunny south and had a very pleasant trip to Portland, Oregon. There we were informed that on account of so much rain and snow in the valley and mountain it would be advisable to ship to San Francisco, so we secured reservations for ourselves and auto on the ship Alaska. When I get home I will tell you how sick we all were.

We came from San Francisco to Long Beach by auto. It was surely a pleasant trip. We came through all the principal cities on the coast highway. Here I want to say California is deserving great praise for good roads, and from now on you may count on me using my influence for good roads in our county and state.

Long Beach is a beautiful city and is deserving of her name. It is located about 25 miles south of Los Angeles and has made great improvement in the last ten years in wealth and population. The only fault I find with the city is that it surely has the same itch we have in Eastern Oregon—speculative profiteering. Just think of a three room flat renting for \$125 per month. I do hope they will see the hand writing on the wall and repent soon. The harvest in this place must be tourists, oranges, lemons and nuts.

On my return home I hope to visit other parts of the state and acquire more knowledge of its resources. I do not expect to see the beautiful wheat fields we have in Umatilla county.

Now, in conclusion, I hope to see in the near future good roads in our own state so it will have a tendency to draw more tourists through our beautiful county and state.

Yours as ever,
J. T. LUCALLEN

SECRETARY REFUSES TIP ON MISSING DE VALERA

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(A. P.)—Eamon De Valera, "president of the Irish republic," has caused his secretary considerable embarrassment by failing to "come out of seclusion" the latter asserted here yesterday.

The secretary said he had not seen Mr. De Valera since his return here from Worcester, Mass. He had previously announced he expected to confer with "the president" here.

"I cannot give you any tip at all," he replied when asked if he would hint as to which side of the Atlantic the "Irish president" might be expected to reappear next.

PRESIDENT ENJOYS LAST BIRTHDAY IN WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(A. P.)—President Wilson who entered the white house at the age of 56, yesterday celebrated the 64th anniversary of his birth, his last birthday before retiring to the life of a private citizen. All of the members of the president's immediate family, with the exception of William G. McAdoo, his son-in-law, spent the day with him. Business engagements prevented Mr. McAdoo coming to Washington, but Mrs. McAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, Mr. Wilson's son-in-law and daughter, and Mrs. Margaret Wilson, third daughter, were present for an informal birthday party given by Mrs. Wilson for the president.

Messages of congratulation included one from King George of Great Britain.

Independent coal operators made an excessive profit from the people of New York City to the amount of \$17,000,000 in the last year, according to the Massachusetts fuel administrator.

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