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A CHARACTER

"Bill was a character," we said.
And now he's dead.
And since the day his spirit went
I have been wondering what we meant.
A character! His word was good
With all throughout his neighborhood.
His ways were gentle and he smiled
Much like a child;
He never flattered men for gain
Nor spoke to cause another pain,
And yet to what of good he knew
For sixty long years he was true.
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He had a quaint and curious style
And liked to smile;
He seemed to love the birds and trees
And gloried in the morning breeze,
Out in the open he'd declare
That he could find God everywhere.
He never rose to wealth or fame,
But just the same
He brought a touch of gentle grace
To this poor weather-beaten place.
A character! That's what we said,
But we shall miss him now he's dead.
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MEANWHILE OUR BEST ASSET IS UNUSED

GORGE OTIS SMITH, director of the U. S. geological survey, recently said:
"If the people could only be made to understand that the control and utilization of rivers means millions of dollars to them and offers one of the greatest economic advantages that can be taken of the natural resources, they would not be slow in approving plans for river development. Not only such development as looks merely to flood prevention—although this in itself would save billions of dollars—but development that will provide a uniform flow for rivers and streams by which power could be generated that could be brought within the reach of hundreds of communities which do not have it now."

"The development of water-power of the rivers of the country is going to be one of the great achievements of the United States will see in the next few years. It will be a saving to the people so great that it cannot now be fully comprehended. In the East we are learning that our rivers can serve us best when harnessed up with our great steam power plants."

No use laboring the people on this subject. They are fully committed to the need of power development and would back up any real plan to get action. The trouble is at Washington. It took congress 10 years to pass the water power law and then no money was given the federal water board to work with. Private electric interests saw to that.

Hydro electric development is the most important subject in Oregon, yet the most neglected. Here is a wonderful opportunity for Oregon senators and congressmen to bestir themselves but if they have ever done much this newspaper has never heard of it. The legislatures of Oregon and Washington have passed memorials in behalf of the Umatilla rapids project and the project association, representing two states, has been busy. But at Washington a policy of masterly inactivity has been working overtime. The McNary irrigation bill, exploited so much, will do nothing for power-irrigation projects, it is said. That \$250,000,000 bill if passed, will accomplish much for some western states but all Oregon will get out of it will "go in one ear," if we may judge the future by the past.

This is no criticism of our delegation. They are as good men as we usually have and mean well. This paper does not regard them as in league with the power interests to check development. They may be so used to Oregon slumber that they are afraid if they did something useful for the state they would be recalled.

What is the answer?

AT THE DOORSTEP OF THE U. S. A.

HAITI has had twenty-seven presidents. Sixteen of these were driven into exile or fled, usually with the contents of the treasury. Four were assassinated, one committed suicide and three died from unknown causes. Two were allowed to retire alive. That accounts for twenty-six. The twenty-seventh, owing to the American marines, is still in office, and, also owing to the marines, the treasury is intact. From 1915 to 1921, while the marines were there, there has been no violent overturn in the Haitian government. From 1908 to 1915, there were seven changes and all violent.—From "The March of Events" in the World's Work for July.

The Portland Oregonian accounts for lack of action at Washington on the ground President Harding has had to first untie the knots left by the Wilson administration. But the "knots" left by the old administration were all tied by the Lodge coterie in the senate and President Harding has been very loath to touch them for fear of starting a rumpus with the irreconcilables of his own party.

The theory that those missing ships were captured or sunk by bolshevik agents sounds reasonable; there is plenty of tangible evidence in the possession of the United States government showing that the real inner purpose of the Lenin regime has been to make war, by fair means or foul, on this country as an exponent of democracy.

The cherry crop at The Dalles will sell for one-third the price received for the 1920 crop. The funny part of the thing is that last year there was no protective tariff on cherries and this year the growers have the "advantage" of the emergency tariff act which provides a stiff duty on cherries.

Eleven year old Gene La Follette was drowned in the Willamette while attempting to rescue his smaller brother from harm; who will not regret the death of this youthful hero?

A story from Walla Walla says that hail larger than an inch in diameter fell near there last evening. Walla Walla may be a branch line town but it is not without distinction.

A wonderful wheat crop is nearly made but we will not feel entirely easy until the danger of shrinkage from hot winds is past.

"Topped with flaky Coconut"
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NEWS is going 'round that this new Vogan individual is "simply delicious." Half the people on your street have already discovered how much goodness and flavor one little purple box can hold!

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STARVATION IN RUSSIA CLAIMS MANY PEOPLE

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., June 24.—(U. N. S.)—The horrors of life in Russia under the bolshevik regime are more terrible than they have been pictured by newspaper correspondents.

Starvation is gripping the young and old. Women and children are slowly dying of hunger. Their suffering is terrible. There is little or no help.

Jews are the particular subjects for venomous attacks and persecution. Such is the tale coming through from Russia in a letter to Louis Goldstein, tailor of No. 21 South Main street, this city, from his relatives. The letter paints a picture of the appalling conditions in Russia.

Goldstein is informed of the death by starvation of his mother, his three uncles and an aunt. This is the first letter from his native home in four years. It was written by two brothers who live in Rovno. The victims lived in Nichudnov, a village of the Ukraine. A year ago it fell into the hands of the bolsheviks. The victims sold their home for 1500 rubles and started for Rovno in the hope of getting passage to America. The distance between Nichudnov and Rovno is 15 miles, and it required almost two months for them to make the journey, walking most of the way.

They set out in the winter and had to contend with the severe February weather. They had secured passports, but when they reached Rovno they were told a mistake had been made and another Goldstein family had been meant. A telegram was sent to Louis Goldstein, in this city, and he sent money through a relief agent, but it came too late. The letter just received follows:
"Mother died three days after receiving your money. It was too late; she died of starvation. She had not eaten in eight days, and her system was dried out. In her dying moments she moaned that we should pour oil down her throat as she was being burned alive. She was a shriveled form when she died."
Money Without Value.
"With the money you sent us we were able to give her a proper funeral, and we were envied by others, because it is something rare nowadays. Had she been buried in Nichudnov she would have been interred in rags, as there even the living wear only rags. Don't fret that mother died; she is

better off than we are.
"We are hungry, and there isn't anything to buy, even with money."
"Blood is the cheapest thing in Rovno. It is spilled on the street every day."
"The Jews in Rovno have to hide themselves from the Poles, and there are few places to hide."
"The Poles kill us on the streets."
"If there is a Christian who offers his home for the Jews' protection he himself is punished."
Organized bands of ruffians offer ten rubles, or a pound of salt, as a prize for every Jew offered up to them. A pound of salt is worth twenty-five rubles. So you can see the plight we are in."

The brothers tell the pathetic story of a young woman, a cousin, who is dying a slow death, with her daughter, of starvation.
"She used to serve at 'Simches' celebrations, but there are no celebrations in Russia any more. So she is starving. She appeals for help to her husband in America and begs him not to forget her and their little daughter."

INTER-ALLIED SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS IN JULY

LONDON, June 24.—(U. N. S.)—The inter-allied supreme council will meet in Boulogne the end of July. Austen Chamberlain, the British government spokesman, announced in the house.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, June 24, 1893.)

T. G. Hailey is in Weston on business today.
W. P. Lathrop left last night for Portland. He will return Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Strahorn left today for Spokane where they will make their home.
J. A. Gross of Helix is here today. He reports crops in good condition.
Senator Haley has returned from Portland where he has been on business.
Miss Ida Waffle left for Portland yesterday to visit friends.

Hilvilla TEA
To make a good iced drink, a full-bodied, fine flavored tea is needed. Hilvilla, a better tea, is delicious when iced.
For the best iced tea ask for Hilvilla.

Jesse Cohen is in the city on a visit to relatives and friends.
Work on the new Methodist church is progressing. The building will be an imposing structure.
A. B. Rothrock of Athena, is in the city on business.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS TOM DIDN'T GIVE THEM A CHANCE. BY ALLMAN

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Pineapple, No. 2 cans, each	25c
Carnation Milk, 8 for	\$1.00
Borden Milk, 8 for	\$1.00
Saratoga Chips, each	15c
Mothers Oats, package	30c
Quaker Corn Flakes, package	10c
Gun Powder Tea, pound	40c
Spider Leg Tea, pound	50c
Our Own Roast Coffee, 3 pounds for	\$1.00

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