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FOUR KINGS TO ONE EIGHT

ACCORDING to "Abie the Agent", of comic strip fame, he played poker all the time while on a visit to Europe because on account of the rate of exchange the Europeans had to have four kings to beat one eight.

There are many other jokes current about the German mark and the Russian ruble but it is really not a humorous subject. Listen to this from the September 1 circular by E. F. Hutton & Co. of San Francisco:

"Grain Trade Review—Lowest prices for the season were made for all deliveries of wheat the past month, under the combined influence of hedging pressure and the unfavorable foreign situation. Liquidation was on at times and support was limited, with sentiment bearish, and the trade generally looking for still lower prices.

Foreign demand was slow, as European financial conditions, with German marks down to practically nothing, have unsettled the world's grain markets and the bulk of the grain reported sold at the seaboard represented short covering by exporters.

There has been nothing in the general situation or the news to justify pronounced buying by speculators, although statistically the world's wheat supply and demand situation is bullish, but actually the supply considerably exceeds the demand on account of the inability of buyers to pay for what they need. Business with Germany, on the basis of the present value of marks, is almost impossible, and as far as Hungary and Austria are concerned, their money is almost as worthless as Russian ruble although both probably require grain, especially Austria; consequently, the foreign financial situation is the main bearish factor.

The U. S. government and Canadian government reports of wheat crops made rather a bearish showing, as the aggregate North American yields is estimated at 30,000,000 bushels more than last year's harvest, and suggests an exportable surplus of over 400,000,000 bushels, but if the world's financial position was normal, there would not be any difficulty in disposing of that quantity of wheat as the aggregate European crop this season is undoubtedly smaller than it was last year, and the import requirements of Great Britain, France and Italy, under normal conditions, amount to nearly 350,000,000 bushels.

The trade, therefore, is waiting to see if foreigners can finance all of their theoretical needs and in view of the decidedly complex situation which prevails abroad, it may take some time to work out a solution; in the meantime grain prices have dropped to a point where there is little or no profit to the producer.

Yet some people think this country can go it alone and that we have no interest in Europe's troubles.

BY HIS OWN POISON

GLENN PRICE and Grover Todd, federal prohibition agents, are dead. They were murdered by a drunken bootlegger in western Oregon Sunday morning while attempting to make an arrest. Both the murdered men leave families to mourn their loss. The plight of Mrs. Price is particularly hard because she is but 21 years of age and has three infant children to care for.

It is strange that the government does not provide some form of insurance for its law enforcement agents. It could be done and it should be done. It is not right that an officer's family should thus be left destitute.

It is also hard to understand the idea of a bootlegger in resisting arrest to the point of taking human life. He does not avoid trouble thereby but gets deeper into the mire. He never escapes capture and when found, if not killed by a bullet from some eager posseman, he faces life imprisonment or the official noose. The most logical explanation is that the bootlegger who turns murderer first becomes half crazed by his own poison. Otherwise common sense would impel him to face a justice court sentence rather than the gallows. What lesson may the bootlegger's customer draw from such incidents?

Figures from the department of commerce show that Oregon ranks fifth among all the states in length of life; in the words of Governor Witherby, "Oregon is a great state." The people not only live long but they usually live comfortably and that is one reason for longevity.

The little boy and the little girl are supposed to dread the opening of school but that is largely a myth; their faces don't indicate any dismay.

If there is going to be a rain we trust Major Moorhouse will pull it off at the right time—as usual.

LONDON IMMORALITY DENOUNCED BY PASTOR

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The Rev. John E. Wakerley, the new president of the Westway Conference, denounced the immorality existing today in England's society both high and low, in his presidential address.

On the same day that his utterances were published here, there appeared a dispatch from New York in which the prevalence of vice and immorality in America was denounced by the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal church.

American readers may be interested in learning that according to Dr. Wakerley, English morals are apparently quite as bad as American morals.

"Human life by many is held very cheaply," was his indictment. "There is scarce a day when you do not open your paper upon some sordid story of the slaughter of some innocent."

"The standard of morals between the sexes in many places is very low. The sacredness of the marriage relationship is openly scoffed at; but domestic trust, integrity, and domestic happiness beneath its feet."

"You have increased the number of your judges in the courts which deal with domestic tragedy because of the number of people who have sought

relief in that direction. When you have done that, you have only touched the fringe of the evil.

"Your cities have no monopoly of vice. Get rid of the impression that because your villages are picturesquely placed they are therefore homes of deep spirituality. Alas! it is not so.

"You have frequently in what you think your fair village life of low moral sense, which is indicated by an unworthy estimate of womanhood.

"We have been reminded in the last few weeks that materialism is treble bankrupt in philosophy, in the natural sciences, and in practical life, and that the only alternatives are a continuance of the present chaos till it ends in a crash, or a return to a spiritual view of the universe."

Insect Feed Is High

Cost of feeding insects in Oregon for one year is estimated at \$24,000,000. This loss, much of which is preventable, would build 430 miles of paved highway in Oregon each year. The progressive farmer, who plow the ground well, who use good seed, and follow out the recommendations of the extension stations, are not the heavy losers. Those who use poor seed, are careless in sowing, and let the weeds pile in fields are the unsuccessful farmers and lose heavily in the long run from failure to take a little time and trouble to keep their farms in condition.—D. A. C. Experiment station.

SAP AND SALT
BY Bert Moses
Small politics makes big taxation.
In imitating others, try at least to omit their faults.
Any fool can start a paper, but it takes brains to make a paper pay.
Real wisdom begins when you learn to distinguish between flattery and commendation.
If people would give more attention to their eliminating organs and less to their appetites, hospitals would have less to do.
The name "hog" is too mild for the guy who has a lower berth and allows a fat woman with asthma to occupy the berth above him.

Hez Heck Says:
"No girl ever succeeded yet in 'gittin' a husband that suited 'de hull family."

TOM SIMS SAYS
All loaf and no fight makes Jack Dempsey a dull boy.
This summer had more daylight wasting than daylight saving.
Strikes are like war, Sherman.
Nothing makes a cow hungrier than a man in an old straw hat.
A young bride tells us the optimist who writes seed catalogs also writes cook books.
A wise man never chews dynamite caps or restaurant hash.
Many a chicken acts a goose.
A dark past is much better than a dark future.
There is a Sanscrit word of 152 syllables. Please do not tell the man who names Pullman cars.
Many a one with her ears uncovered still refuses to listen.
If lending money makes enemies, we know a man who certainly does want to be friendly.
In the parlor isn't enough. Before proposing go back and see how she looks in the kitchen.
London taxicabs are said to suffer from old age. The disease has spread to this country.
In this talkative age, it is strange that radio men sell more receiving than broadcasting sets.

28 YEARS AGO
(From the ally, East Oregonian, September 5, 1894.)
Mrs. John Duncan is very ill.
Mrs. Chas. Smith has returned to her home at Walla Walla after visiting her brother, W. C. Kugel in this city.
Prof. C. B. Leatherman, principal of the Weston public school attended the teachers institute here yesterday.
Word has been received that Chas. Rhorman and Wm. Sullivan have killed a bear in the mountains south of Ukiah where they are rusticiating.
Fred Walters, proprietor of the Farmers custom mills will construct a new warehouse for the storage of wheat. He now pays 28 to 29 cents per bushel and grinds about 75 barrels of flour every 24 hours, and has bought about 20,000 bushels of wheat this fall.
A. D. Leedy has returned from Albany where he visited his parents.
L. M. Huson's threshing outfit was broken Wednesday, twelve miles north of town.
J. G. Cutler chief engineer of the W. & C. R. is in town today.
F. A. Mend, for five years express messenger between Portland and Huntington, has taken charge of the Pacific Express Company office in La Grande.
John L. Band, district attorney-elect from Baker City is in the city.
T. F. Howard, acting mayor was present but a quorum of councilmen failed to put in an appearance therefore there was no meeting of the city

slads last night. Mayor Taylor is in Denver on business.
John C. Arnold newly elected surveyor-general of Oregon is in such poor health that it is improbable that he will be able to assume his new duties.
Saturday night a lodge of Elks will be instituted here. Local stages are preparing for the event which promises to be one in which the participants will be kept up till midnight or perhaps later. Several antlered gentlemen from abroad has notified Col. Cook, the prize mover, that they will be here for the occasion.
SEAPLANE FORCED BACK.
KEY WEST, Fla., Sept. 5.—(U. P.)—Lieutenant Hinton's seaplane hopped off for South America at eight thirty this morning. It carried too heavy a cargo and was forced to return.

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