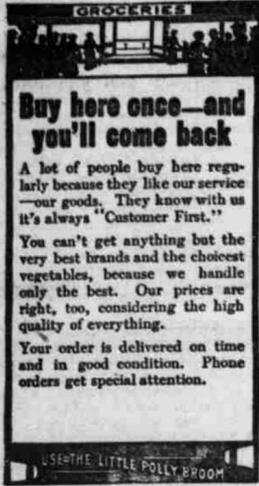


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of peoples and races, is to say that the Jim Corbetta, the Jack Johnsons and the Gunboat Smiths are essential to a perfect civilization.

Link Swaggart is quoted in the Athena Press as saying that he might learn to like the LEADER man if the latter were the "least bit approachable," whereupon we cordially urge him to approach us with the price of a year's subscription.

"We have waited forty years for the bankers to help us," wailed Douglas county farmers in a wire to President Wilson, but if they farmed around Weston they would only need to help themselves—to the fat of the land.

James Howard Kehler, the American author who had the sublime nerve to write "An Open Letter to the Nation," is the only fellow we've heard about who could swap egos with Kaiser Bill and lose by the transaction.

When the Administration and Congress are strong enough to sweep back a tidal wave or use Mars as a golf ball they may be able to "stop the rise in the prices of wheat and flour."

We would like to borrow the use of that old dungeon lately unearthed at Walla Walla for a particular purpose, not unconnected with an esteemed Athena contemporary.

"Spooning is fatal," says a Y. M. C. A. lecturer at Portland; but fond lovers should draw the line at a lethal dose of osculation while busy with the tease spoon.

George Demetry Pappamihalopoulos, a Hellenist applicant for citizenship papers, must have been irrigating his name.

We are moved to wonder what clause the legislature can trim in order to "put teeth into the prohibition bill."

Political life in Mexico is just one president after another—with some rebel cutthroat after the president.

### PRIMEVAL PIFFLE

Did prehistoric naughty boys  
About the forest quest,  
On nimble legs, to steal the eggs  
From the pterodactyl's nest?  
—Dean Collins in Oregonian.

Did lovers fond in stone age glen  
Faith pledge to Cupid's law?  
We wot so; but we dinna ken  
What the ichthyosaurus saw.  
—Us.

### ODD BITS OF NEWS.

Bellevue, O.—Charles W. Ziegler, veteran railroad conductor, was never late. He made his last run recently. His train was on time, but Ziegler was dead.

Allentown, Pa.—Cupid is the star boarder in the boarding house run here by Mrs. Cella Alspach. Ten couples, all boarders in the house, have wed within the past three months.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Earl Fratz was being searched by detectives for two stolen diamond rings. He had successfully passed the inspection when he started to walk away. He showed a slight limp and when the detectives took off his shoes they found the diamond rings on two of his toes.

Ottawa, Kan.—Mrs. Mollie Stewart, life prisoner here, makes enough money by doing fancy work, to support and educate her two children.

Pasadena, Cal.—Mrs. George E. Bowman, aged 84, has eleven children and two grandchildren. She was married when fourteen and became a grandmother at 32.

Tacoma, Wash.—Miss Neida Jaeger is now police judge at this place.

Trenton, N. J.—Mrs. Harriet Fisher Andrews is the only woman iron manufacturer of America of international fame.

Coswell, N. C.—Mrs. West Graves has just presented her husband with the eighth consecutive set of twins. There are eight children living, one of each set of twins having died.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—Floyd Trayer, 19, threw his aunt's teeth in the river for a joke. He has just been sentenced to from one to five years in prison for the "joke."

### THE RAINY DAY.

(Ben H. Lampman.)  
You are sorry it is raining, little son? Daytime and playtime, neither is half done? Just to stand and watch the rain chasing down the window-pane isn't fun? You may listen to the trip of a fairy fingertip—strumming on the shingles, humming on the eaves; you may watch the opal heart of a raindrop shine apart on the leaves. You are grieving 'cause it's raining, little maid? Sun games and fun from their hands can be played? You may watch the lady mist dress the hills in amethyst, lightly laid; you may hear the whisper lapped as the fairy keeps her tryst with the timid, thirsty grasses, the hidden, happy flowers; you may catch the grateful sigh of the leaves toward the sky through the hours. Listen to the whispered secret, both of you—"Maytime and playtime, Springtime, shall come true. Did I halt or once forget, never would the violet blossom blue. I am mother to the Spring—water crosses do I bring, waken all the meadowland, rouse the drowsy rose; did I quite forget to call, Summer wouldn't come at all—goodness knows!"

According to Representative Davey the lives of both men and beasts are menaced by mad coyotes in Harney, Crook and Gilliam counties. The coyotes frequently attack ranchers in the fields or follow them home. Mr. Davey announced that he would introduce a bill for a \$5 bounty on coyotes. But one case of rabies has so far been reported among coyotes in the Weston neighborhood, although it is feared that the disease may soon become as prevalent here as it is in the southern part of the county.

## WESTON, AS WELL AS EUROPE, UNDERGOES A SIEGE



## INDUSTRIAL CLUB IN WESTON SCHOOL

Through the co-operation of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Agricultural College, and the State Department of Education, industrial clubs are being formed in the public schools of the state for the purpose of interesting boys and girls in agricultural education in its broadest sense. Various other industrial activities are being organized also, but the work all centers in the home or on the farm. The projects offered are so various as to accommodate both the difference in taste and in facilities for carrying on the work of the boys and girls of the state. Some of the lines of work are as follows: Sewing, baking, canning, fruit and vegetable, poultry raising, pig raising, dairy herd record keeping, home gardening, corn raising, potato raising, seed grain selection, etc. Beside these projects about 75 different kinds of handicraft work are provided for both boys and girls.

The object of the work seems to be not only to get the boys and girls interested in various lines of revenue-producing work, but to cultivate their business sense. Everything is organized upon strictly business principles. The children must do the work themselves, keep records of methods, costs and profits, etc.; accept no gratuities from parents and, in short, conduct their projects wholly upon their own responsibility.

As soon as the work is organized and the pupils' enrollment cards are sent in, the State Agricultural College will send each member full and detailed instructions covering his projects. No pupil may enter more than three projects. The college then keeps in touch with each club member, giving him a correspondence course based on the work he is doing. Thus the boys and girls are taught the very best methods known to the college authorities. Next fall a fair will be held by the county superintendent and for the best exhibits. The best exhibits will be forwarded to the State Fair and will compete for prizes there. From two to five boys from each county will be given free trips to the State fair as special prizes. It will be between fifty and sixty pupils of the Weston school have enrolled for this club work, one of the largest clubs in the county having been organized here. Mr. F. L. Griffin, State Club leader, visited the schools last week and gave a very interesting and instructive talk to the club members on various features of the club work. Mr. Griffin expressed a strong desire to see some boy in this section take up the study of seed grain selection, with special reference to wheat, with a view to securing an increased yield. This project should be followed up for at least three years. The local club leader, Mr. Robinson, will be pleased to hear from any nearby farmer who will permit his son to take up this project and who will rent him one or more acres for that purpose.

The success of the club work will depend in large measure upon the encouragement the boys and girls get from their parents. While it is a comparatively new thing in Oregon, it has been tried out with great success in many eastern states for a number of years, and it is hoped that parents here in Weston will enter into the spirit of the club work with an enthusiasm that will insure its success here from the start.

### TALENT.

Young Schuman Hoffman Wagner was a pianist quite grand. When only three he used to play Bach fugues with either hand. He then took up Beethoven and practiced many years. And when he played sonatas his audience shed tears. "We'll send him off to Europe," His folks said, "Where he'll learn To get the soulful feeling Out of that there Fifth Nocturne." He studied many years or more, His talents seemed to grow, For now he tears off ragtime At a moving picture show. —Don Allen.

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### DEFENSELESSNESS OUR BEST DEFENSE.

Nothing further is heard of the reported humiliation of an American merchantman by a British cruiser. The incident may have been colored for better newspaper effect or further developments may have been "hushed up" through diplomatic influences.

The point is that the United States is in no position to resent the insult, in the highly improbable event that an affront was intended by the English government. Had it been prepared to do so—had it been armed to the teeth like its European neighbors—it would in all likelihood before now have become a belligerent on one side or the other.

Preparation for war invites war. Preparation for peace invites continued peace.

Uncle Sam's very unpreparedness protects him. He is not in such grave danger from enemies abroad as from jingoes at home, who would arm him from head to foot and then persuade him to strike. With an unarmed champion on their hands our own militants are as helpless as a prize fight promoter whose pugilist refuses to train. Because Germania had become an almost perfect Amazon, with keen-edged sword and resplendent armor, her jingoes have plunged her into an unequal struggle that is draining her life blood in a crimson stream. Her only hope, to our mind, is to kill as many of her enemies as possible before they administer the "coup de grace."

War is not glorious, it is not necessary; it is an utter horror, a senseless anachronism. Nothing short of the danger of national extinction would justify the United States in engaging in war. Such peril is so remote that it is better to strain ever nerve when the time comes than to spend millions on military and naval junk that every decade is fit only for the scrap heap. The unarmed tenderfoot in a western mining camp was in much less jeopardy than the famous "gun man," hated and envied of his kind.

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