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IS IT THE "BLACK DEATH?"

It has remained for an embalmer to make the most startling contribution the LEADER has seen to current literature on the subject of the "flu" epidemic. He is Howard S. Eckels of New York, and he takes a position entirely opposed to that of the medicos. A bulletin Mr. Eckels has issued to his professional brethren having come into the LEADER'S hands, we are quoting part of it below:

"Regardless of what death certificates say, the embalmer who has handled many of the cases in the recent epidemic knows that they are different from any that he has dealt with before this visitation. I know that I have found them so.

"During the past four weeks several thousands of bodies have been embalmed under my direct supervision as special representative of the Council of National Defense in charge of this work in Philadelphia. Not only did nearby members of the Purple Cross respond promptly and heartily, but the War Department, at the request of the Mayor of Philadelphia, detailed to the Purple Cross a number of its members who were stationed at neighboring camps and cantonments. I have done enough of this work personally during this period and posted enough bodies to be thoroughly acquainted with the post-mortem symptoms, which resemble and probably are identical with those which history gives us of the Black Plague.

"The epidemic already in six weeks has cost America five times as many lives as we have lost on the battlefields of Europe. Apparently, it is not the result of any one specific germ. "It is not Influenza; it is not Asiatic Cholera; it is not Bubonic Plague; it is not Pneumonia—although it frequently causes Pneumonia, or at least a condition closely resembling it.

"It is the Black Plague of the Middle Ages, which so often in the past has swept the world. "It is caused by a cross-breeding of bacteria in unembalmed bodies carelessly buried in ground which later is churned and re-churned by the tramp of armies and the hail of shells, as the lines alternately advance and retreat."

The medical profession has identified Spanish Influenza with the influenza or la grippe epidemics that have swept the country at varying intervals, generally of a decade or more, since 1830. It claims to have identified the germ and to have discovered a way to combat it—or at least the pneumococcus often following in its train—by means of a serum composed of like germs cultured and then killed. The development of this serum was reported to the University of Minnesota not long by Dr. William Mayo and is now in general and successful use.

So we have the medico and the embalmer flatly arrayed against each other on the "flu" issue—with the medico having the best of it, we think, by reason of the gratifying results of his serum treatment in the cantonments.

Belike, however, the doctors will admit themselves stumped by one phase of the notorious and wicked influenza. It travels faster than wildfire, faster than the wind. With lightning speed it crosses oceans and continents and becomes endemic almost in a day. Simultaneously it appears in Canada to the north and Mexico to the south—how or why, nobody knows. While it

spreads by contact it also spreads without.

"Flu's" baffling nature was set forth by a traveling man who when in Weston had just come from Twin Falls, Idaho. While he was there a couple of sheepherders were brought in from an isolated camp miles from any railroad. Nobody had visited them and they had visited nobody—yet both had the "flu."

Black Plague or no, a mystery black it is. We like it not. Abas le Influenza! Down with the Spanish son-of-a-gun!

HIGHBINDER TWINE

The sisal profiteers of Yucatan have the Hohenzollern and Hapsburg houses, robber barons since the Middle Ages, looking like mollbuzzers. May their fall be as great!

In 1915 the price of binder twine in less than car lots was seven and three-quarters cents per pound. In 1918 it is twenty-three and one-quarter cents per pound. The difference represents eighty-six millions of dollars in pure pelf wrung from American farmers by the Yucatan monopoly, which produces more than eighty percent of the world's sisal.

The swag has gone chiefly into the hands of the Yucatan profiteers, since peon labor used in sisal hemp growing costs no more than formerly.

The United States Food Administration has long been struggling with this monopoly, but the Mexicans are aware that the American farmers must have sisal and snap their fingers at Uncle Sam.

President Carranza has promised an investigation. If he makes it the way may be opened for deliverance from the clutches of a vicious and grasping foreign trust.

Meanwhile it is highbinder twine.

Busted Bill escaped to Holland with nothing much of value—his life.

Be sure that the United Work Workers do not have to work too hard for the money that should go to their great cause for the asking.

The War Lord's great stake was a mistake.

Pershing has quailed as the Battle Him of The Republic.

One letter of the alphabet does not constitute the difference between U. W. W. and I. W. W.

To all but the confirmed tightwad, giving to United War Work becomes a delightful expression of gratitude.

Would that its aftermath were over with the war—an aftermath with the grim prospect of costing millions of lives.

When Foch gets through with frisking the Huns, they'll have nothing left but a besmeared escutcheon.

Dollars to doughnuts are no longer big odds, according to a hungry weezer on the Boston Globe.

Confronted as he is with the task of finding jobs for four million pampered war workers, Uncle Sam's gigantic problems are by no means dwindling.

Sufficient unto Der Tag is the evil thereof.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they are responsible for one-helluva noise!

Peace hath its horrors—if one's ears are sensitive—no less frightful than war.

Now is the time when many a war industry worker whose life has been based upon the care-

less philosophy of "Easy come, easy go," will begin to wonder what he did with his summer's wages.

Bill Hohenzollern's punishment would have been almost sufficient could he have personally served, instead of a dummy substitute, to help Weston celebrate a victorious peace.

Someone is sure to say—and it may as well be us—that although Germany still holds the Rhine the Allies brought home the bacon.

As to that divine right—well, it isn't left.

It is Mars' grim jest that the clown prince has lost the latter half of his title.

A republic has been proclaimed at Berlin, which is nevertheless more than four years late about getting into line.

Something in Hunland seems to have Kieled over.

The ex-Kaiser and his blood-stained minions need not look forward to an indiscriminate application of the scriptural injunction to love one's enemies.

Pretty soon a disappearing feature of the daily press that will never, never be missed is the Official Casualty List.

If either can handle a broom, Bill Hohenzollern or Charley Hapsburg might get a job at sweeping out our print shop.

Revolt news comes from Germany—that is, if a revolt is revolting.

The first offer of \$558 cash for our Ford Runabout Roadster, equipped with shock absorbers and wishbone, takes it. Practically new. Watts & Rogers.

SUGGESTIONS ARE WANTED NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

Representative Dodd Would Like to Hear From Citizens.

To The People of Umatilla County: The legislature convenes January 6, and as your representative I want to be prepared to do the best work possible for you during the session.

I therefore urge upon you the importance of your assistance in informing me at an early date of any matter that in your opinion should have attention. Do you know of any law now on the statute books that should be modified or repealed? The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and some laws have not always proven practical or easily enforced, and it is the people who discover the weak places. If there is anything affecting your occupation or business as farmer, stockraiser, fruitgrower, or as a merchant or manufacturer; as a professional man or office holder or as director of schools or other public institutions, that needs improving, let me know. If there are road matters, taxes, game laws, or irrigation matters or any progressive idea that might help the welfare of the people, it is my desire to know about it.

I have no fine spun theories, half-alutin' schemes or "darned fool notions" to enact into laws. But anything that is practical and blessed with common sense that will help you and not injure your neighbor, is what I want to know about.

I shall represent every part of the county and every resource alike. I have no pet schemes upon which to waste busy days, and shall be on the job from now until the close of the session in the interests of the entire people of the county I was elected to represent.

Immediate action is advisable, as this would give me the opportunity to fully inform myself in any matter and get it into proper shape to present to the legislature early in the session, before the usual flood of bills crowd for action.

E. P. DODD,
Hermiston, Or., November 12.

I am local distributor for the Stephens Salient Six, and will be pleased to demonstrate. See Dick at the Athena Vulcanizing Shop.

District No. 19—Budget of Estimated Expenditures and Receipts.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the legal voters of School District No. 19 will be held at the school house in Weston, Oregon, on November 29, 1918, to vote on the proposition of levying a special district tax. The total amount of money needed by the district for the fiscal year beginning June 17, 1918, and ending June 30, 1919, is estimated in the following budget:

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	
Teachers' salaries	\$ 9000 00
Apparatus, supplies, etc.	200 00
Flags	25 00
Repairs of schoolhouses, etc.	250 00
Janitor's wages	850 00
Janitor's supplies	25 00
Fuel	700 00
Light	50 00
Water	36 00
Clerk's salary	75 00
Postage and stationery	25 00
Interest on bonds, warrants	500 00
Total	\$11736 00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	
County school fund	\$ 2304 00
State school fund	433 80
Cash on hand	868 10
County high school fund	609 55
Total	\$4215 45

RECAPITULATION	
Total estimated expenses	\$11736 00
Total estimated receipts	4215 45
Total	\$ 7520 55

Am't. to be raised by tax \$ 7520 55
Dated November 8, 1918.
GEO. W. STAGGS,
Chairman Board of Directors.
FRANK PRICE, District Clerk.

(No. 206)

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Farmers' Bank of Weston, at Weston, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business November 1, 1918:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$160,629 37
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	623 43
Bonds and warrants	30,028 28
Banking house	3,500 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,900 00
Other real estate owned	33,789 33
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	880 31
Due from approved reserve banks	8,463 15
Checks and other cash items	52 66
Cash on hand	12,130 03
Other resources	4 19
Total	\$251,120 75

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 30,000 00
Surplus fund	15,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,719 98
Due to banks and bankers	2,141 57
Individual deposits subject to check	100,639 37
Demand certificates of deposit	2,448 09
Time and Savings deposits	48,138 78
Bills payable for money borrowed	45,000 00
Other liabilities	32 96
Total	\$251,120 75

State of Oregon,)
County of Umatilla,)
I, E. M. SMITH, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. M. SMITH, Cashier.
CORRECT—ATTEST:
J. H. PRICE,
F. D. WATTS,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of November, 1918.

S. A. BARNES,
Notary Public.
(My commission expires Nov. 13, 1920.)

Notice of Sale of Real Property

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Umatilla.

In the Matter of the Estate of Jacob Federer, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Hon. Gilbert W. Phelps, Circuit Judge for Umatilla County, Oregon, acting in the absence of the Honorable Charles H. Marsh, Judge of the above entitled court, from Umatilla County, made on the 15th day of October, 1918, in the matter of the estate of Jacob Federer, deceased, the undersigned Administratrix of said estate will from and after the 15th day of November, 1918, proceed to sell and sell at private sale at the law office of Will M. Peterson, in the Smith-Crawford Building, in the City of Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, upon the terms hereinafter stated and subject to confirmation by said above entitled court, all of the estate, right, title and interest of the estate of Jacob Federer, deceased, in and to the following described real property situated in the County of Umatilla, State of Oregon, to-wit:

An undivided one-fifth of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Five (5) North, Range Thirty-four (34) East of the Willamette Meridian.

The terms on which said real property will be sold by said Administratrix are as follows, to-wit: Cash upon the confirmation of the sale of said real property by the above entitled court and upon the execution and delivery of a good and sufficient deed; provided, however, that said real property may be sold upon terms providing for the payment of one-half or more of the purchase price thereof in cash at the time and in the manner hereinbefore provided in case of a cash sale with payment of the balance of said purchase price to be secured by a first mortgage on the real property included in such sale.

For further information call upon or write to said Administratrix at the law office of Will M. Peterson, in the Smith-Crawford Building in Pendleton, Oregon.

Dated this 15th day of October, 1918.
LENA FEDERER,
Administratrix of the Estate of Jacob Federer, deceased.

WILL M. PETERSON and
W. S. NASH,
Attorneys for Administratrix.
Pendleton, Oregon.

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SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

Addie A. Beno, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph (Joe) Beno, Defendant.

To Joseph (Joe) Beno, defendant above named:

In the Name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled court and cause within six weeks of the date of the first publication of this summons, namely, on or before the 27th day of December, A. D. 1918; and you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint or otherwise plead thereto within said time, the plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for and demanded in her said complaint, namely, for a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and for other equitable relief.

This summons is published pursuant to an order made and filed herein the 8th day of November, 1918, by Honorable Gilbert W. Phelps, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Oregon. The first publication will be made in the Weston Leader newspaper on Friday, the 15th day of November, 1918, and the last publication will be made on Friday, the said 27th day of December, 1918.

Dated this 8th day of November, A. D. 1918. WILL M. PETERSON, Attorney for Plaintiff. Residence and Postoffice address: Pendleton, Oregon.

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