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The spectacle of Penrose and Poindexter criticising the League of Free Nations proposition reminds one of a duo of fleas attempting to halt a pachyderm parade.

The problem now is to make the world unsafe for the Bolshevik.

Begging her victorious enemies for food, the Huns would now like to eat the cargoes their submarines sent to the bottom.

If the Ford car were as much a dampfool as its loose-tongued manufacturer, it would be constantly going into the ditch.

Bavaria has discovered that the Prussian Junkers started the war, but cannot hope to qualify thereby as a Christopher Columbus.

Disregarding the advice of all its newspapers, Portland voted down a proposition to tax itself less than a mill to raise the salaries of its school teachers. Herein is an example of parsimony that we fear will react to the disadvantage of the school interests of the entire state. It will give Oregon a black eye with the educational profession at a time when good school teachers are by no means easy to get. Weston maintains a good school—but it was wise enough to raise the

wages of its teachers to a sum corresponding in some degree with the advance in wages in other lines and the higher cost of living.

The Leader is in receipt of the following from O. W. Davidson of Portland, State Director of the United War Work campaign:

"I want to express to you my appreciation of your very generous support of the United War work campaign in the columns of your paper. This service was of peculiar value to the success of the campaign, owing to our inability to reach the people from the public platform.

"I am pleased to report that the campaign was an entire success in this state, there having been reported subscriptions amounting to \$1,100,000. To this may be added at least another \$50,000 which I am advised will be reported soon by various counties. This will make up the full increased Oregon quota amounting to \$1,150,000 as requested by National Headquarters. Oregon is the only state in the Western Department which was able to reach this increased quota."

An exchange relates an incident herewith which could not—or most probably would not—have happened in Weston, whose school directors are all married. Leastwise, it would never have happened here without a full and complete investigation on the part of the wife of the director chiefly concerned:

"You often hear of a woman running a needle into her finger and that about twenty years later it worked out in her big toe; but a more singular case is that of a school teacher in a neighboring town who made the mistake of pinning her belt with a needle which ran into her body and could not be found. A few days ago it was discovered coming out of the arm of one of the local school directors. How it got from the young lady's waist into this man's arm is a puzzler."

The Umatilla county United War Work fund has reached a total of \$50,846.50, which shows that the county is well on the way to the 50

percent over subscription asked for by the national committee. Weston is credited with its full quota, \$2150. Several other districts returned over-subscriptions, the ever-generous Pilot Rock leading in this respect with a handsome percent-

The Huns will have to give a pretty good imitation of starving to death before they can impress the somewhat skeptical allied powers with their desperate plight.

The esteemed Oregon Journal does not permit the knowledge to escape us that Fred Lockley, popular publicist, is back from France. Fred is a good sort and we are glad he escaped both the Hun bullets and Spanish influenza. His tales from the front were followed with interest by thousands of Oregon readers.

The whilom Clown Prince says he wants to keep slender—possibly with a view to dodging bolshevik bullets after the allies failed to nick him.

If there be a pessimist hereabouts who finds nothing to be thankful for, let him reflect that anyhow he isn't Bill Hohenzollern.

We may now have to march in and make Germany safe for the Germans, remarks the Columbia State.

The baseball editor of the Rochester Post-Express explains it so:

"The trouble with the war game was that it ran into extra innings and Germany had no relief pitcher or pinch hitters."

The Weston Leader is thankful that it has a more accomplished, graceful, amiable and enlightened editor than the esteemed Athena Press.

The victim of a frame-up in San Francisco's well-known style, Tom Mooney will not be hung without a labor convulsion that will shake the nation's industrial structure to its very foundations.

Peace hath its victories, etc.—none the least of which is getting out a readable one-man paper in a flu-closed town.

The g. o. p. stalwarts are no longer afraid of Teddy Roosevelt, who from being their Nemesis has become their man Friday.

Wilson is going to Europe, although heretofore Europe has virtually been coming to him, rolling over and wagging its tail.

It's the old flu with the pneumonia.

Although he couldn't take Verdun, the Clown Prince took flight.

The ex-kaiser is said by his American dentist to have often played to the galleries, and he has certainly qualified as a bad actor.

In a very literal sense Count Hohenzollern, now in Holland, might go farther and fare worse.

The many in Russia are suffering for the sins of the few.

An eastern writer thinks that Hunland may yet be considered fortunate if in losing the whole world it has regained its own soul.

The Dallas, Oregon, Itemizer reports that it received in one mail with the urgent request that they be published in that week's issue, the following articles: three United War Work, one Red Cross, one State Council of Defense, one Treasury Department, one Democratic National Committee, one Forestry Service, one War Board, two Food Administration, one Committee on Public Information, two Railroad Administration, one State University, two O. A. C., one Department of Agriculture, one Provost Marshal General. It does seem to us as though the Itemizer might have made an exception in favor of the Democrat-

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ic National Committee, which is an especially deserving and useful institution, but we judge from its language that it ditched the whole caboodle in hopeless despair. The Itemizer says it cannot get out 67 pages, and wants room to print a little local news. "Every day we get more material than we could even read from sunrise to sunset," it remarks. But it needn't think it is the only shell in the ammunition dump.

The Rheinisch Westfalische Zeitung westfalisches as follows:

"What enemies the Britons are! Ye gods! They are murderous cut-throats, thugs, murderers, thieves, putrid decadents, descendants of criminals—the sediment of the scum of Europe."

Oh, fie, fie and la la! Why, we wouldn't even talk that way about non-subscribers.

Today's sunshine reminds us that Weston weather this fall deserves unstinted commendation. That dismal annual visitant, the fog which rolls up in November and December from the inconsiderate Walla Walla valley, has hitherto only faintly manifested itself—and in fact the weather gods are so kindly disposed as to inoculate the fear that they may have some winter surprises in store.

Pennsylvania would earn the nation's plaudits by grubbing out the Penrose bush in its political garden. surprises in store. But let us not be pessimistic but warm and grateful—while not forgetting to replenish the coal bin.

The shutting down of war industries everywhere goes to show that the safest life from the standpoint of financial independence is lived in a farming community.

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CONSERVATIVES GAIN CONTROL IN GERMANY

Extremists Declared Almost Negligible So Far As Mere Numbers Go.

Berlin.—Reports of tests of strength between the conservative elements and the independent and Bolsheviki socialists in various places in Germany continue to indicate that as far as mere numbers go the extremists are almost negligible.

Fuller reports from Bremen show that the movement in the coast cities already has turned into a more conservative channel.

A meeting of soldiers', workmen's and peasants' councils, representing Bremen, Hanover, Hamburg, Oldenburg, Flensburg, Osnabrueck, Wilhelmshaven and a number of smaller places in the provinces of Hanover and Schleswig-Holstein, adopted a resolution declaring that these councils would stand behind the present government and demand the convocation of a national assembly. There was also a crushing defeat for the extremists at a meeting representing the 10th army corps at Hanover, where by a vote of 140 to 4, a resolution was adopted against efforts to establish a dictatorship and demanding the summoning of a constituent assembly.

Soldiers from the front are beginning to arrive in Berlin and men who have conversed with them express themselves optimistically as to the effect of their return. These men declare that the great bulk of the soldiers reject Bolshevism in all its phases.

It also may perhaps be considered an indication of the general public's faith in the conservatism of the soldiers that German and Prussian flags are beginning to reappear over all Berlin, after having made way for the red flag since November 10.

Adverting to epidemics, German junkers are suffering from shooting pains around the heart.

As soon as a man achieves fame, some former friend digs up a boyhood photograph.

The army also is teaching some young men that they do not have to wait until Saturday night to bathe.

The only fellows who really complain about the autoless Sunday are the ones who do not own cars.

Spanish influenza is bad enough, but it is better than German measles, at that, being a neutral disease.

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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.
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