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Profiteers say there is no race so easy to successfully play as the human race.

Jack Lait is responsible for the observation that powdered noses can't smell news.

Divorced from her husband, Mary Pickford will be better able to qualify as "everybody's sweetheart."

President Wilson has evidently developed just about as pronounced a case of "disability" as Niagara Falls.

"There doesn't seem to be any demand for Hoover except among the voters," according to Cleveland Press.

If rural teachers do not get a living wage, the "little red school house" may really develop red tendencies.

The bird man who flew seven miles high above Dayton, Ohio, exemplified a different and far more daring game of "seven up."

In the western territory of the United States last year, 412,469 meals and 128,584 beds were supplied in 32 Salvation Army industrial homes.

Willard P. Hawley Jr. of Oregon City having won the divorce case brought by his wife, we are hopeful that the Hawleys will disappear from the front page.

At all events, it is more likely that Bryan will control the democratic convention, as predicted by Mark Sullivan, than that the convention will control him.

Herbert Hoover says his ambition is to remain a "common citizen." We are inclined to think, however, that he will always be regarded as very much of an uncommon citizen.

President Wilson's letter to Senator Mitchcock contains what seems to us is unassailable logic. He points out that the United States took a stand for universal peace that made a deep impression upon Europe. He does not say, although this is a well known fact, that our government propaganda, spreading throughout Germany, had much to do with winning the war by dampening the spirit of militarism so long drilled into the German people. Now Oregon municipalities instead of he says in effect that the United States should either make good on its pledges expressed and implied or withdraw as gracefully as possible. He means, of course, that no half-way course is open; that if we do not choose to fish we cannot even under cut bait. Article Ten he regards as

the very heart of the covenant. If changed in any material respect the power of this article and consequently of the entire covenant is nullified. He does not apparently object to an interpretive reservation, although he plainly regards such as superfluous. It seems to us a case wherein the personal and political antagonism undoubtedly felt by a large number of republican senators toward Wilson because of real or fancied slights, should not blind them to the world's great need and Uncle Sam's great duty, so clearly set forth in his letter. The question is one that should be entirely freed from partisanship.

We clip the following as one of the latest and most poetic of "tin lizzie" pleasantries: "For Sale—One Ford car with piston rings; two rear wheels, one front spring. Has no fenders, seat or plank; burns lots of gas—hard to crank. Carburetor busted, half way through; engine missing, hits on two. Three years old; four in the spring; has shock absorbers, and everything. Radiator busted, sure does leak; differential's dry, you can hear it squeak. Ten spokes missing; front all bent; tires blown out—ain't worth a cent. Got lots of speed; will run like the deuce; burns either gas or tobacco juice. Tires all off; been run on the rim. A damn good Ford for the shape it's in."

Much as we admire the Pacific Coast farmer as the kingpin of industry, we trust that his judgment in holding high-priced spuds for still higher prices will not be justified. We rather fear that if the Great Jehovah should happen to hand him a constellation he would ask for the milky way.

President Wilson says that he is unable to distinguish the difference between a nullifier and a mild nullifier. Perhaps one would modify by nullifying and the other nullify by modifying.

There are at least three things the average person never tires of watching: the blaze of a wood fire; the breaking of waves against a beach, and the flight of a flock of gulls.

It is apparent that not a few sovereign citizens look upon world peace as a firefly competing with a searchlight, compared with the question of getting beer with a "kick" in it.

A quaint philosopher remarks that we are all in favor of doing the most good to the greatest number—and the greatest is number one.

The Salvation Army distributed 650,032 pounds of coal to the poor last year in the western half of the United States.

There seems to be some reason for the acceptance of State Treasurer Hoff's invitation that his bond transactions be investigated. As the throughout Germany, had much to do with winning the war by dampening the spirit of militarism so long drilled into the German people. Now Oregon municipalities instead of he says in effect that the United States should either make good on its pledges expressed and implied or withdraw as gracefully as possible. He means, of course, that no half-way course is open; that if we do not choose to fish we cannot even under cut bait. Article Ten he regards as

er in the following month, and it is charged that in one of these instances an agreement to purchase had been entered into between the treasurer and the brokers before the bonds were even voted. The question that sticks out like a nasal wart relates to the reason why Mr. Hoff could not have bought these bonds himself and saved Old Man Oregon \$37,000 in commissions.

S. A. C. TENDERS KITCHEN TO MEMORIAL HALL BOARD

Tuesday evening, following the motion picture entertainment, the Saturday Afternoon club publicly delivered to the board of directors of Memorial hall the kitchen in its present state of arrangement and equipment. During the past year the club has centered its activities upon providing a suitable and convenient kitchen for the hall and each member has generously contributed both time and money with this object in view.

Appreciation was expressed for carpenter work donated by Henry Schroeder and Marvin Price; electrical work by Glenn Morrison; material furnished by F. C. Fitzpatrick, and the efforts of C. W. Avery in piping water into the kitchen at no expense to the club. Mention was made of the Jones & Jones contribution of a quantity of white enameled kitchen utensils, and that of the Weston Mercantile Co. embracing three dozen cups, saucers and plates. Thanks were extended to the public for co-operation in the various enterprises which furnished the funds for the work.

Following is a statement of monies received and expended in connection with the kitchen project:

Receipts—Nov. 17, 1919, lunch after picture show, \$20.50; Nov. 24, proceeds of Thanksgiving market, \$265.36; Jan. 20, 1920, lunch served after picture show, \$14.70; total, \$300.56.

Expenditures—Coffee pots \$3.50, dishes \$8.40, market supplies \$12.92, range \$74.58, commission on flowers sold by Parr's greenhouse \$18.64, ten dozen Community silver teaspoons \$31.00, carpenter work \$15.00, painting and papering \$10.00, plumbing \$79.56, lumber and hardware \$10.90; advertising, janitor work, etc., \$13.00; total, \$277.49.

Balance in treasury, \$23.07.

Dr. F. D. Watts, as president of the board of directors, in a few happy remarks acknowledged the tender and appointed Mrs. E. M. Smith custodian of silver, Mrs. Ella Lavender and Mrs. C. F. Bulfinch to act with Mrs. Smith as caretakers of all community property in connection with the kitchen.

The club ladies then furnished cake and coffee to everyone free of charge, and those present regarded the affair as one of good fellowship and genuine enjoyment.

ADRIATIC PROPOSAL IS PARTLY ACCEPTED

President Outlines Basis For Settlement but Objects to Treaty of London.

Washington.—President Wilson accepts with reservations the proposal of the British and French premiers that Italy and Jugo-Slavia undertake a settlement of the Adriatic question. He says that if Italy and Jugo-Slavia prefer to abandon the so-called buffer state containing an overwhelming majority of Jugo-Slavs and desire to limit the proposed free state to the corpus separatim of Fiume, placing the sovereignty in the league of nations without either Italian or Jugo-Slav control, the United States is willing to leave the determination of the common frontier to Italy and Jugo-Slavia.

The president says he "cannot possibly join" the premiers' suggestion that the memorandum settlement of December 9 be withdrawn; declares that "Albanian questions should not be included in the proposed joint discussions," and reiterates that the United States cannot approve of the execution of the terms of the treaty of London.

Finally, he expressed the "earnest hope that the allied governments will not find it necessary to decide on a course which the American government, in accordance with its reiterated statement will be unable to follow."

The president's note to the premiers is now being considered by the allied supreme council at London. Meantime, direct negotiations between Jugo-Slavia and Italy are proceeding.

"OVER THE HILL"

The American Legion is arranging a great boxing card for Saturday, April 3, at Pendleton.

Robert Coppuck returned Monday from Hot Lake, somewhat improved in health. He left Arthur still at the sanatorium.

Mrs. Eliza Pinkerton and son, Frank Ely and family were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinkerton on Current street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Scott and daughters, Margaret and Pauline of Pendleton, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Watts.

Mrs. W. R. Storms, wife of the Baptist minister in Weston, with her daughter and children, was a guest at the George Payne home Saturday.

Wesley, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. McLouth, had the ill fortune to lose the tips of three fingers last week, while working with machinery.

Charles Williams this week moved his family to the ranch south of town. Ruth and Frank will attend school in Athena, riding from the farm.

The McLouth family will move next week to their mountain ranch, recently purchased. Albert will remain and continue his delivery business for Athena merchants.

Work on income tax returns has been strenuous on Attorney Watts and B. E. Richards the past week. Both have put in long hours tussling with long columns of figures.

Workmen are putting in a new bridge at the point where Wild Horse creek crosses Third street. The work will be rushed to completion in time for the hardsurfacing to begin.

Mrs. Lulu Read has purchased the residence property on Fifth street occupied by H. I. Watts, from Mrs. M. L. Leeper. At some future time Arthur Douglas will take over the property and build a modern home there.

Mrs. Minnie Willaby was in Portland this week where she went to attend her son Clyde, who underwent a surgical operation in a Portland hospital. Clyde resides with his family on a farm near Condon, Gilliam county.

Mrs. M. M. Johns came up from her home in Vancouver, Wash., and spent the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Johns west of town. Flint Johns is also here from Vancouver, assisting his brother in early spring work on the farm.

Gary Taylor, who recently was promoted to the managership of a new J. C. Penney store at Kirksville, Mo., has now established himself in that city. The Taylor household there was recently saddened by the death of one of Mr. Taylor's sisters and her infant child with influenza.

The Athena High school baseball team is getting well under way in practicing for the season's conference games. The grounds will soon be put into first-class condition. The district track meet will be held in Athena this year, and the local athletes are soon to round into form to compete in the different events.

William McPherson caught a steel head trout in the lower Umatilla river Sunday that measured 32 inches and is in line to win the \$25 prize rod offered by Watts & Rogers for the longest trout caught during the fishing season. Harold Haynie, who accompanied Mr. McPherson, also caught a good-sized steel head.

When Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Caton arrived home from a winter's stay in California, they found their house south of town had been broken into and robbed of many valuable articles, bedding, etc., and that lamps and dishes were broken. It is reported that at the C. L. Woodward home west of town, the house was entered and table linens were missing.

A splendid display of fishing tackle is attracting the attention of all who pass the Watts & Rogers store. Whether you be angler or not, you cannot resist the temptation to stop and "rubber" at the artistic arrangement of what is considered to be one of the most complete lines of fishing tackle to be found anywhere in Eastern Oregon. Of course, Bob Proudfoot had something to do with designing the window display.

W. C. Emmel has received news of the death of his cousin, Rev. Harry B. Emmel, which occurred while he was serving as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. with American troops in the vicinity of Rozdane, Siberia. The young man contracted typhus while doing outpost duty in the swamps of Siberia. He leaves a widow and four children at Hood River. Mr. Emmel was born at Dayton, Oregon, and had served as pastor of the Methodist church at Hermiston, and also at Peck and Kendrick, Idaho. He was buried in Siberia.

Preparatory to moving to Athena, Dr. F. D. Watts has bought a lot on Third street south of Current. He

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has also purchased the Mrs. Brookner house on the West side and will move it to the Third street site. The house will be remodeled in bungalow style.

Lenora L. Troth has filed suit for divorce from Morgan L. Troth, to whom she was married in 1904. She alleges desertion. The plaintiff, who resides in Athena, has retained Homer I. Waits as her attorney. The couple have no children.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Booher, born about ten days ago, died Monday and was buried Tuesday. The young parents have the sympathy of many Athena friends in their bereavement.

Mrs. G. Kopriva, wife of the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, arrived home last evening from Spokane, where she recently underwent a surgical operation.

Mrs. H. A. Barrett and her little daughter, Genevieve, have both been ill this week at their home on North Fifth street.

Mrs. H. H. Hill visited yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Otis Whiteman, in Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Foss, who spent the winter in Portland, returned home last night.

Miss Thelma Crabill was in the city from Weston Wednesday.

In the orchard districts near Med-ago, died Monday and was buried Tuesday. The young parents have upon rotten and fermented apples, became intoxicated and went staggering about, flapping their wings in a most undignified manner.

Concerted action by one thousand women to force down the high cost of living was decided upon at a mass meeting held in Spokane.

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