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The new German dictator is evidently trying in vain to Kapp the climax.

Old John Barleycorn looks a bit more cheerful, now that he is sporting a New Jersey.

The Montesano verdict is just another reason why America, with so much law, has also so much lawlessness.

If they feel, of course, that they must be shooting somebody, it's better for the Germans to be shooting one another.

At least let us rejoice that the association of Germans formed to pray for the ex-kaiser cannot also prey for him.

Lucy Page Gaston is a candidate for president on an anti-tobacco platform. She may be right, but she'll never be president.

It is the view of a close observer that the high cost of living is especially tough on the fellow who has an active tape worm.

The proposed "grave concern" reservation of republican senators is about as vital and effective as the buttons on a coat sleeve.

As inconsistency is not a jewel, it is perhaps in order to amend the decalogue by striking out the third word in the sixth commandment.

An esteemed contemporary remarks that advertising is the light-house which keeps the business man from being wrecked upon the rocks.

The moaning song of March winds is music to the nature lover, for he knows that it means the departure of winter and the advent of spring.

More than 20,000 women in the United States broken in spirit and unable to find work, were provided with good jobs last year by the Salvation Army employment bureau.

If Hoover is neither a republican nor a democrat, it is distinctly not a disqualification for the White House. For once, we would rather have a president belonging to the nation than one belonging to a party.

C. P. Strain is being urged by democratic friends to run for public service commissioner and represent this section of the state on the commission as the successor of H. H. Corey, whose term expires. We know of no man in Eastern Oregon who is better qualified by reason of knowledge, experience, integrity and temperament.

ENDANGERS THE WORLD.

When an individual is gradually weakened in moral fibre through unwholesome habits of thought or degenerate manner of living, and then meets with a great reverse in a well-planned coup through which he had every reason to expect an equally great success, the result is very likely to be his total collapse. His spiritual being has not been trained to withstand material calamity and he falls not as Lucifer fell—"flaming headlong from ethereal heights, in hideous ruin and combustion down to bottomless perdition"—but in a manner at least as hopeless and complete. The same may be true of a nation—even of the great German nation, only a few years ago affording an example of wonderful commercial and industrial progress but now in the throes of bloody civil strife which may yet engulf it in the tremendous debacle that has threatened the Fatherland ever since its decisive defeat in the great world war of its own engendering. The German now suffers from the very characteristic that was once his strength—his ego, his pride of efficiency and achievement. This has suffered a colossal blow which has shorn him of confidence at a time when his physical power is vastly depleted and he needs every ounce of his moral strength in order to meet the calamity resulting from the mistaken and almost criminal policy of his former leaders. The entire civilized world may well shudder over the outcome. If the German nation now collapses, following Russia's descent into the abyss of Bolshevism, the result may be a world debacle such as was pictured by Ignatius Donnelly in "Caesar's Column." Even here in the United States we may not succeed in escaping the chaotic reign of anarchy and destruction should it involve the Old World. All the powers may well extend whatever help is needed by their former enemy should the counter revolution threaten to engulf her in atavic dissolution. The hands of Ebert and Noske, in whom would appear to rest the hope of the world as well as of Germany, should be strengthened if need be against the assault of the monarchic reactionaries. The situation is too critical to admit of an attitude of "hands off" indifference. The powers may well extend toward Germany much of forgiveness as exemplified in practical concessions, if such will serve to save what yet remains of the Ebert government and restore it to power.

WHAT—AGAIN?

About once in a decade it has been the practice of suave and persuasive real estate agents from the western part of the state to make a tour of Eastern Oregon and offer town lots in Astoria or its environs. We well remember the time when buyers up here were stung with a bunch of sand banks in what was known as New Astoria. Now it seems that these agents are exploiting Wallowa county, and Brother Cheney of the Enterprise Record-Chiefthain hands them a burning roast. Among other things, he says: "If the lots are not worth what the agent asks for them, why should you bite and buy? By this section of the state on the commission as the successor of H. H. Corey, whose term expires. We know of no man in Eastern Oregon who is better qualified by reason of knowledge, experience, integrity and temperament.

find buyers? Investors nearby, in Astoria, Portland and other places in western Oregon, have the first chance to know their value, and will not let the chance go by. Furthermore, if the lots are so precious and with such certainty will double in price in a year and make their holders rich, what on earth is the reason the present owners are willing to sell them? Particularly, why will those owners send out an agent, at great expense, to throw their pearls before a cold and suspicious world? It is an old game, like selling mining and oil stock and orchard tracts, and gold bricks, and its success proves the glib saying of the confidence man, 'There's a sucker born every minute.'"

It seems to be the view, even of the defense, that the I. W. W.'s on trial at Montesano were either guilty of first degree murder or they are innocent. Well, they are not innocent.

Nearly nineteen thousand Thanksgiving dinners and 208,671 Christmas dinners were served to the poor of the United States last year by the Salvation Army relief department.

It's about up to the Lowden crowd to urge the suppression of Wood clubs as dangerous weapons.

HE USED TO SPLIT RAILS.

"Political Gossip" in Oregon Voter contains a paragraph about our own "Roaring Bill," who is a self-made made that has a right to be proud of the job. Says the Voter: "Will M. Peterson of Pendleton hoed corn for 50 cents a day, ploughed mountain land, drove a team, cradled barley, split rails, dug ditches, spread manure, worked in sawmill, made brick and otherwise earned money in the hills of Eastern Tennessee and North Carolina to finance a college and law education. He was born in 1874, came to Pendleton in 1902, practiced law there with enough profit to acquire a 400-acre wheat farm and stake in local industries and banks, was active enough in democratic politics to be elected presidential elector in 1912 and national delegate in 1916 and is now a candidate for delegate to the big San Francisco convention of 1920."

It Was a Genuine Surprise

Mr. and Mrs. Albert O'Harra were the victims Monday evening of one of those delightful neighborhood surprise parties for which "Happy Canyon" is becoming noted. The merry-makers assembled at the home of William Fehr and proceeded to the O'Harra residence after the occupants had retired for the night. With a great tooting of auto horns and hilarious shouts the visitors made their presence known and aroused the sleepy-heads. In a few minutes joy reigned supreme as the dancers responded to the spirited accordion music of George Otte. At a late hour a delicious collation was served by Mesdames P. C. McCausland and M. W. Pedersen and Miss Eliza Morrison. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. P. C. McCausland, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fehr, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Winn, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Pedersen, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Newton O'Harra, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert O'Harra; Misses Dorothy Bullfinch, Wavel O'Harra, Gladys Smith, Eliza Morrison and Ruby Price; Mrs. Margaret Rabb and Mrs. Wilma Minnick; Messrs. Ray Jones, L. I. O'Harra, Levi O'Harra, George Otte, Ray O'Harra.

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In honor of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. DeMoss and son Richard, who are leaving tomorrow for Seattle, the Saturday Afternoon club was sponsor for a farewell party Wednesday evening, March 17, at Memorial hall. Invited guests were husbands of the club members, and the following Athena folk: Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prouditt and Miss Mary Prouditt; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snider, Zada and Dean Snider and Mrs. C. H. Smith.

The occasion was marked by many enjoyable features, a St. Patrick's Day motif appearing in the decorations and merry pastimes arranged for entertainment. At a late hour refreshments consisting of green and white brick ice cream, individual cakes and coffee were served by Mesdames E. M. Smith, J. C. Price, Leona Lundell, Sim J. Culley, R. Morrison and H. Goodwin. Mrs. DeMoss was then presented with a loaf sugar tray in the new gold enameled porcelain, as a token of the esteem in which she is held by fellow club members. Mr. and Mrs. DeMoss were also recipients of a beautiful bouquet of pink carnations, the gift of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith.

In the departure of this estimable family the community suffers a distinct loss. They have ever been active in matters of public welfare and civic betterment, and will be greatly missed from the business and social circles of Weston.

Dissolution Notice

Notice is hereby given that E. R. Hall and F. C. Greer, doing business under the firm name of Hall & Greer, have dissolved partnership by mutual consent. All accounts are payable to F. C. Greer at the Weston Garage.

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Rural Carrier Examination bated was the resolution that "The United States civil service commission has announced an examination to be held at Pendleton, April 10, to fill the position of rural carrier at Athena, and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other postoffices in Umatilla county. The examination will be open only to citizens who are domiciled in the territory of a postoffice in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977, which may be obtained from the offices mentioned above.

Guardian For LaFontaine. Gus LaFontaine who is remembered as the proprietor of the French and Quelle restaurants at Pendleton, has for some time been confined in a Portland sanitarium, afflicted with a brain malady. His wife last week was appointed to act as his guardian by the court, and there is little hope for his recovery.

Champion Debaters. Pendleton high school won the debate championship of Umatilla county Saturday night by decisions over both the Echo negative and the Milton affirmative teams, reports the East Oregonian. The question debated was the resolution that "The United States should take immediate steps toward the nationalization of the coal deposits and petroleum resources."

Local Dokies were advised this week by Huntingtonian, Scribe, that the ceremonial scheduled for Waitaburg will be held instead at Walla Walla—probably the latter part of this month.

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