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ISSUED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

The Allies have selected another "war lord" to direct the winning of the war.

The wages of the section men on the Falls City branch of the S. P. have been cut 10 cents a day.

The Germans have produced a war machine that is much more terrible than the English "tank." It can be run at a rate of 25 miles an hour.

Viscount Grey, British Secretary of Foreign Affairs says the allies' invasion of Greece is entirely different from the German invasion of Belgium. To be sure! It's the Allies this time.

Government investigation of the high cost of living reveals that there is a greater surplus of beef and pork on hand than there was last year. But what will the government do about it?

"War" is being used as a scape goat for high prices, scarcity, and in fact almost everything conceivable. It has even been asserted that the scarcity of recruits for the army is due to the war.

In gaining a victory over the Romanians the Germans captured 70,000 prisoners, 184 cannon, 120 machine guns and booty and war material incalculable, yet the Allies say that the victory is insignificant.

England seems to imagine the peace proposal offered by Germany is an indication of weakness. It probably was made so that should England refuse, Germany could have a valid excuse to wage a relentless submarine warfare on all merchant ships carrying food or war supplies to an enemy nation. With a few boats like the Deutschland to carry supplies the submarine torpedo boats can do great damage. England had best give up the idea of wiping Germany off the map.

Some decades ago, when certain well meaning members of the House of Commons were endeavoring to persuade the government of the day, in London, to exert its fatherly authority for the help of a certain island, in the British Empire, which was unhappily without the services of a doctor, it occurred to a well meaning supporter of the movement to find out the whole truth of the situation. The result was scarcely what had been expected. The fact was revealed that the island in question happened to be about the healthiest part of the British Empire. The unsophisticated islanders, not apparently having experienced any of the advantages of a tuberculosis week, were innocent of tuberculosis. Never having joined a party for the observation of mosquitoes, they were not troubled with mosquito-poisoning. Not being suspicious of the health of their neighbors' children, their own children enjoyed good health. In short, they seemed to be justified in adopting the famous saying on the subject of history and happiness into the phrase healthy is the country that has no doctors.

IS THE COUNTRY PROSPEROUS

"The banks are full of gold and no borrowers," is paraded as an evidence of the prosperous conditions of the country.

Hoarded gold never brought prosperity to a country no more than do closed mills and factories. Rather, it is an indication that the business conditions of the country are such that it is no longer profitable or safe to make new ventures or enlarge those already in operation, except it be for manufacturing munitions of war.

Dollar corn and two dollar wheat looks mighty good to the farmer who has it to sell, but how many profited by these prices? The average farmer has been obliged to sell "just a little too soon" to get these prices, and then he buys back his flour and his meat and other necessities at a price that overshadows any big price he may have received for his products.

The intelligent farmer and business man knows that the present prices are abnormal, that as soon as the European war is over that prices will take the other extreme, and woe unto he who hath builded his hopes and invested his money with the expectation that high prices have come to stay, for he is foolish, even as he who "builded his house in the sand."

Wool and all woolen goods are in great demand. The mills have all the foreign orders they can handle. Everybody is catering to the foreign trade and letting the homefolks do the best they can. Sheepraising at this time is very profitable, yet the man who would invest his cash in sheep at present will surely come to grief when the war is over and join the sheep men of the "Cleveland reign."

If the country were truly prosperous the banks would be loaned to the limit and men would be anxious to borrow money that they might expand in business or open up new. New buildings would be going up and old ones would be repaired and re-painted. The factories would be belching forth smoke and the roar of machinery would be heard throughout the land,—not manufacturing implements of destruction, but for the benefit of mankind.

With the close of the European war the munition plants will lose their big business; the farmers will face four-bit wheat and two-bit corn. The sheepraiser will market his wool at a lower price. While the east has been luxuriating in prosperity not dreamed of, the Pacific coast lumber industry has been correspondingly depressed. The rehabilitating of these war-stricken countries will open up the lumber market and an era of prosperity never before enjoyed will be due the Pacific coast.

English shell contracts with United States manufacturers will soon expire and it is stated that they will not purchase any more finished shells in the United States but procure them from Canada. This may end some of the war prosperity in the East.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned, W. F. Nichols, has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Gideon Sowers, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate shall present the same, duly verified, and with proper vouchers, to the said Executor, within six months from the date hereof, at the Law Offices of Walter L. Tooze, Jr., in the Dallas National Bank Building, Dallas, Polk County, Oregon.

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W. F. Nichols, Executor of the Estate of Gideon Sowers, deceased. Walter L. Tooze, Jr., Attorney for the Estate.

Home Cookery

Pepper Vegetable Soup. To one cupful of shredded green sweet peppers add one cupful each of diced carrots, tomato pulp and lima beans. Add enough water to cover and cook until all the vegetables are tender. Press through a sieve, add the juice of an onion, two tablespoonfuls of washed rice and more water if necessary. Cook until the rice is tender. Then add one heaping tablespoonful of butter, and hot milk to dilute to the desired consistency. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve with croutons.

Curried Tripe. Cut two pounds of tripe into small pieces. Cook two large sliced onions in a couple of tablespoonfuls of drippings until they are a golden brown. Add to them two-thirds of a pint of stock, one tablespoonful of flour and a teaspoonful of curry powder, cook about forty-five minutes, then strain and add the tripe, and cook slowly about an hour. Before serving add a teaspoonful of lemon juice. Place on a hot platter and surround with boiled rice.—Country Gentleman.

Baked Spiced Ham. Select a nice ham, from twelve to fifteen pounds; soak overnight in cold water, wipe off and put on enough water to cover. Simmer for three hours; let cool in the water in which it was cooked and take out and trim. Put into a baking dish, stick with cloves and cover with brown sugar. Bake in a moderately hot oven for two hours, baste with vinegar and serve with any salad or sliced this.

Pear Pudding. Beat two eggs until light, and one pint of stale breadcrumbs, one pint of diced pears, one level tablespoonful of butter, one-fourth cupful of sugar, one-fourth teaspoonful of cinnamon, a pinch of salt and one and one-half cupfuls of milk. Mix well and bake in a buttered baking dish in a hot oven until firm. Serve hot with lemon sauce or any other favorite sweet sauce.

Steamed Corn Bread. A cupful sour milk, a cupful sweet milk, a cupful cornmeal, a cupful wheat flour and an egg well beaten; salt and sugar, each a spoonful; a tablespoonful molasses. Mix all together, put into a dish that will allow it to raise. Steam two hours and bake one-half hour.

Lyonnaise Potatoes. Brown one-third cupful chopped onion in one-third cupful bacon drippings, add three cupfuls cubed cooked potatoes, salt and pepper and fry till nicely browned. Just before serving sprinkle over chopped parsley.

Dents In Furniture

When wood is badly dented or scratched it is often a problem to know how to get rid of the marks. This is quite easy, according to a writer in one of the scientific publications, if the following plan is adopted: First of all fold a piece of blotting paper at least four times, then saturate with water, finally allowing the superfluous moisture to drip away. Now heat a flatiron until it is about the warmth required for laundry work. Place the damp-blotted paper over the dent and press firmly with the iron. As soon as the paper dries examine the mark. It will then be found that the cavity has filled up to a surprising extent. When the dent is very deep a second or even a third application on the lines indicated might be tried. Sooner or later even serious depressions can be drawn up, and most people who have not tried this plan will be surprised at the result of the treatment. Repolishing will clear away even the slight marks that might finally remain.

Father's False Economy

SO LONG AS THE COST OF LIVING IS HIGH YOU CUT YOUR HAIR BETTER BY PUTTING THIS DOLLAR ON YOUR HEAD AND CUTTING IT OFF ALL AROUND.

THIS WILL SAVE US 25 CENTS AND THAT GIVES US A START IN REDUCING THE HIGH COST OF LIVING. GEE PA TEN DOLL FIVE HE FIGHTER THAN A RAT.

WHEN DING THE BLOOMING DOLL, IT'S STUCK LIKE CEMENT. WOW-WOW OO IT HOITS-IT HOITS.

THERE'S A WAY TO GET OFF! A POOR SAMP! MAKING A SPECIFIC! GOODBYE! WOW! TRYING TO SAVE QUANTITY!

The American Boy. The SAFE boys' magazine. Only \$1 a year. Read by 500,000 boys.

Driving the brain starts the pain. Over-work, worry and the constant strain of a business life are often a cause of much trouble. Dr. Miles' Nervine is highly recommended for all Nervous disorders. It is particularly invaluable to business women. Regulate your bowels by using DR. MILES' LIVER PILLS.

Comparative Digestibility of Food. Made with different Baking Powders. From a Series of Elaborate Chemical Tests: An equal quantity of bread (biscuit) was made with each of three different kinds of baking powder—cream of tartar, phosphate, and alum—and submitted separately to the action of the digestive fluid, each for the same length of time. The relative percentage of the food digested is shown as follows: Bread made with Royal Cream of Tartar Powder: 100 Per Cent. Digested. Bread made with phosphate powder: 68 1/4 Per Cent. Digested. Bread made with alum powder: 67 3/4 Per Cent. Digested.

SIMPLIFIED SPELLING.

The One Thing Needed to Make English the World Language. Having been for years a teacher of English to foreigners and to high school pupils as well as a student of modern languages, the subject of an international language interests me greatly. Certainly of the four important modern tongues English is the easiest and simplest in grammar, having no awful genders such as German and no dreadful verbs such as French and Italian. It has no baffling depths and subtleties as the last two mentioned nor any impossible pronunciation as the first. Yet, in spite of its simplicity, it is a very hard language for foreigners to master. This is due, I feel, solely to its antiquated method (or lack of method) of spelling. The difficulties arising from the difference between the spelling of English words and their pronunciation are almost insurmountable, fatal to its universal diffusion. How many native English speaking people do we know, educated, say, intellectual, who simply cannot spell, who have given up trying? All over the continent one hears reiterated with boring monotony: "I like to read the English, but not to speak it. It is too difficult to pronounce. I can never tell how a new word should be said." In French and German certain letter combinations invariably represent certain sounds, while Italian is absolutely phonetic. In Italian schools there is no such thing as a spelling lesson. Think what a saving of time, temper and grey (or is it gray) matter this is to the growing child! It is all very well to insist upon the classic origin of our orthography, but compare it for one moment with the near and aristocratic parent of the Italian. Yet Italian does not hesitate to discard all artificiality. I feel sure that only one thing will make English, which stands today as the easiest and most concise of languages—only one thing will make it the universal language, and that is simplified spelling.—J. H. Harris in New York Times.

BRAVERY OF A TOREADOR.

Remarkable Display of Nerve by a Spanish Bull Fighter. The famous Spanish toreador Reverte figured in one of the most thrilling incidents ever witnessed in the bull fighting arena. It was at Bayonne. After disposing of two bulls Reverte had twice plunged his sword into a third of great strength and ferocity, and as the beast continued careering wildly the spectators began to hiss Reverte for bungling. Wounded to the very quick of his pride, the Spaniard shouted, "The bull is slain!" and, throwing aside his sword, sank on one knee with folded arms in the middle of the ring. He was right, but he had not allowed for the margin of accident. The wounded beast charged full upon him, but the matador, splendid to the last, knelt motionless as a statue, while the spectators held their breath in horrified suspense. Reaching his victim, the bull literally bounded at him, and as he sprang he sank in death, with his last effort giving one fearful lunge of the head that drove a horn into the thigh of the kneeling man and laid bare the bone from the knee to the joint. Still Reverte never flinched, but remained kneeling, exultant in victory, but calmly contemptuous of applause, till he was carried away to heal him of his grievous wound.

Indian "Moons."

Time is calculated among the Red Indians by moons instead of months. January is called the "hard moon," February "the raccoon moon," March "sovereign moon," April "the moon in which geese lay eggs," May "the planting moon," June "the moon when the strawberries are red," July "the moon when choke cherries are ripe," August "the harvest moon," September "the moon when rice is laid up to dry," October "the rice drying moon," November "the deer killing moon" and December "the deer moon."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Denmark's Sovereigns.

Denmark has had a most curious array of sovereigns, the Blue Tooth, Forked Beard, Simple, Hungry, Hare-foot, Lamb, Pious and Cruel being among them. This latter, who was Christian II., belied his real name by gaining the additional title of the Nero of the North. There was probably little happiness in Denmark when he sat upon the throne.—London Mail.

A Money Saver.

"You are foolish to buy your furniture on the installment plan. You have to pay nearly twice as much as you otherwise would." "Yes, but look at all the money I save on moving expenses."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Character Analysis.

"Biggins goes around asking so much advice that he never accomplishes anything." "Yes," replied the man whose mind lingers in the past, "not enough initiative and too much referendum."—Washington Star.

A Toast.

To our mothers: May their eyes never be opened and their hearts never closed to our weaknesses!—Life.

The Markeman's Eye.

Blue eyes prevail among marksmen of renown. The blue is said to be the strongest eye and gray next.