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A GOOD PAPER IN A GOOD TOWN
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The sooner the United States has a million soldiers training for war the sooner we shall have peace.

Only six weeks from next Monday to the road bond election June 4. The city election will come between, however.

In the North Bend City Council they are talking of enacting an ordinance to prohibit dogs from running at large. Not as a war measure, either.

If this war continues and this country's resources have to be consumed as those of European nations now are we shall hear more and more about a "balanced ration" for humans as well as for animals.

If any Sentinel reader is opposed to the road bond issue of \$6,000,000 to be voted on June 4, we shall be very glad to print the reasons for his position if he will write them out for us. We want to see this measure fully discussed from every point of view.

The Ohio Germans who are for the United States in its war with Germany, but at the same time hope to see England and France beaten by the Kaiser have got their wires badly crossed. When the United States is victorious in this war the entente allies will be winners too.

Whether or not the intensive cultivation of back yards and vacant lots does as much to supply the food requirements of the nation as is anticipated, there can be no question as to the benefits to be received by those who do the cultivating. Open air exercise in close connection with freshly turned soil is one of the best tonics known.

The Sentinel is indebted to Ben W. Olcott, secretary of state, for an advance copy of the official pamphlet containing the constitutional amendments and measures to be submitted to the people of Oregon at the June election with arguments for and against them. Mr. Olcott informs us that these pamphlets will be mailed out to registered voters between April 23 and May 10, thus giving a full month for their consideration.

A vote for the pending amendment to the state constitution, which will be on the ballot in June to make every proposed amendment harmonize with the existing provisions of the constitution, will simply be a vote to take out of the hands of the people the power to amend the constitution. Some amendments have been submitted. It is true, that should not have been; but some other way than that proposed should be adopted to prevent the initiation of statute laws, misbranded as constitutional amendments.

The only people whom we have heard kicking about the doubling of automobile licenses to provide a fund for road improvement in Oregon are those chronically opposed to improvements. They have been objecting for years to the building of better roads as solely in the interest of those who own cars; and now they turn square around and begin to shed hypocritical tears in the interest of the joy riders and urge them to go to the Supreme court and have the law imposing a license tax declared unconstitutional.

We regret to see our good friend Brown, of the Benton County Courier, getting off so far wrong on the road bond issue. He even accuses the Portland bunch of trying to put one over on the state when, in any event, Portland stands to pay a third of the principal and interest of the bonds, without a dollar of the money being spent in Multnomah county. It looks as if the "Portland bunch" had been putting something over on themselves. Oregon needs good roads, as our friend will admit, and needs them the worst way. To fight so practical and sane a plan as is now before the people is the way to stay in the mud.

The coast military road to be built by the U. S. government from the Canadian to the Mexican border will be begun if the war is still in progress a year hence, a Federal road en-

gineer says. One plan is for a road as near the ocean as possible and still screened from the view of ships at sea. Then another parallel to this about ten miles inland, with cross roads between the two at frequent intervals. If such a road is ever built—and we really hope it will never be needed—the inner line will be due to hit Coquille, but certainly no practicable route for it at anywhere near the ten mile distance could be found either south from here to the California line or directly north of Coos Bay.

AN AMERICAN IN FRANCE.

In the North American Review for April we find an article of unusual merit written by Hanford Henderson, an American holding a position in the big American hospital near Pondris which a number of rich people in this country are maintaining at an expense of \$400,000 a year. The article is entitled "Mourning in 24 Hours," a sign which is displayed everywhere among the Paris shops, since the war bereavements have become so frequent.

It is not so much from its hospital stories, well told as they are, but more from the philosophical reflections and forward outlook on the great war that we quote liberally in the following paragraphs:

"One man, enamored of the idea of his own greatness, mistook himself for a god and set out to conquer the world. It was a large plan, but not unique. It had been held, if I remember rightly, by a number of abler men, by Alexander, by Caesar, by Napoleon. And yet he could have carried it off, could have done this big thing, even so feeble a man as the Hohenzollern, if he had not forgotten one thing. He forgot that God is Love. He made the mistake of believing that God is Force."

"I am coming to appreciate the source of the veritable miracle by which France, the almost-conquered, is now the almost-conqueror. It is the power of the Spirit. I have talked with those who were in Paris in those early days when the German hosts were headed straight for the city. And the people were saying—and meaning it, too,—that only a miracle could save them. But the miracle happened—it was on the Marne."

"There are, of course, all too many cases where death would be a mercy. It is not always a tragedy. For death is dignified and quiet, full of promise, without scar or mutilation. Death is so austere beautiful that who who stand in the midst of it, do not look upon it as unfriendly. The haunting tragedy here is not death,—it is the hideous, multiform, disabling mutilation, the loss of vision, of hearing, of speech, the loss of hands and feet and arms and legs, the monstrous repulsive disfigurement."

"Each day adds its gruesome toll. When the war ends there will be fifteen million cripples in Europe, fifteen million men handicapped in the never too easy race of life. Neither our own generation, nor the succeeding one will see Europe free from heart-rending, mutilated men, for it is a part of the huge and bestial stupidity of war that it kills and maims and mutilates not the old and already disabled, those on the brink of the grave, those ready and eager to be gone, but the young and the strong, ardent lovers of life, the promise of the race, those who seek and need the discipline of active years. One of the boys in my wards is only nineteen, many are twenty and twenty-one, nearly all are under thirty. Europe has strangled her own future. She has given the future to the two Americas,—perhaps, in part, to Asia."

"I am surrounded by heroic souls. In one of my wards I have a beautiful young girl who crossed on the same steamer with me some years ago, now working manifestly beyond her strength, but doing her work so splendidly and with such high spirit that as I watch her from day to day, I find myself saying: 'Thoroughbred!'"

There are scores of others, hundreds, indeed, both nurses and auxiliaries who are doing their hard work with almost Christ-like devotion. For once in our self-regarding lives, we are forgetting ourselves, and we are almost intoxicated with the glory of this tiny sip of the divine unselfishness. We are all here for one reason,—to respond to dire human need. And many of us are here for a second reason,—to express our own personal conviction that when the Children of Force menace the Right and Liberty and Civilization of the world, America, which professes to care for these things, ought to be doing her share in their defense."

"The men who best endure suffering are the Breton folk, for the Bretons are mystics, and more conscious than ordinary people of the immediate Presence of God. As an old French monk once put it, they have the practice of the Presence. There is one Breton boy here who has lost

one arm and both legs, and as I passed his bed the other day he smiled at me so divinely that the old physician who was making his rounds said to me twice: 'I love that boy. I love that boy.' Hideous, atrocious, criminal as the present war is, it has re-emphasized one fact of large consoling power,—the eternal supremacy of the Spirit. And this is the reason that France, hard-pressed as she may be at times, will never be beaten. She has the power of the Spirit. At the supreme moment, you remember, at Verdun, word went from mouth to mouth: 'Ils ne passeront pas—Ils ne passeront pas' (They will not get through)—and the word became a fact."

"France and her allies stand for Civilization, for artistic disinterestedness, for the freedom of the small nations, for civil representative government, for the intangible thing which it has taken the moral travail of the centuries to produce,—for individual and national Right. In France, the present war is not enjoyed, even when as at present, it is going distinctly in our favor. On the contrary, it is considered atrocious, barbarous, an assault upon civilization and art. To the French it is la guerre la guerre, the war against war. France fights, not because she wishes to, but because she must. And she will fight—mark it well—to a finish. She will do it, not to avenge 1870, not to regain Alsace-Lorraine, not to annex German colonies in Africa—no Frenchmen believe that—but so that the children and grand-children of the present generation may not be called upon to go through the same hideous struggle, perhaps on a scale more gigantic and sinister. The French are fighting for the future,—the future of France and the civilized world."

"I was at the seashore some months back, at Harve. The intervening French country is a miracle of beauty. The fields were hidden under heavy golden harvests. The great blue dome of the sky was flowered over with creamy, white clouds. It was hard to realize that France was at war and the firing line only a few kilometers beyond the eastern hills. The lovely landscape spoke only of peace and tranquility. But the harvesters were wrothen."

"Had the German dream of conquest not been checked by the blood and the treasure of France and her Allies, we too would have been involved in the universal ruin, and into a similar grief. 'Paris in three weeks, London in three months, New York in three years'—this was the open boast of the Kaiser's men in those early August days in Belgium. True, it was a vain boast, but I see no evidence that the intention back of it has suffered any change, and I see no reason to believe, even now, that given the opportunity, Germany would not carry out her lawless threat."

HEARING PRESIDENT WILSON.

We have all read more or less about President Wilson's address to Congress advocating a declaration of war. Well, here is something from Frederick M. Davenport, in the Outlook, which is different and which will grip the reader in whose heart American blood throbs:

Inert, thoughtless, divided, non-patriotic though the American people may seem, it needs, when the time comes, but the divine spark of leadership to melt all hearts, to weld all wills into one channel of power, to set the might of American democracy free to serve the world.

That is what the speech of the President did. I watched the Senators file into the seats reserved for them in the House of Representatives. Justices of the Supreme Court, Ambassadors, and representatives of plain America thronged the galleries and were still. The President came. There was a cheer, and then all again was hushed as before. The President began to read. There was neither rhetorical artifice nor oratorical surge of personality. His voice was not strong. His manner was solemn and burdened. And for a time only the tenacity of the throng marked the response to his words. But suddenly the vast assemblage detected in the Message the eager, triumphant note of democratic freedom. "We will not choose the path of submission," said their great National leader. And as if the shifting sands had become rock under their feet, they rose in their places and with the shout of men who will have liberty or report to God alone the reason for not having it, they bore to the world outside the first sure tidings of the invincible determination of the awakened spirit of the American people.

And so it continued to the end. By the remarkable insight and restraint of his interpretation, as well as by the thoroughness of his programme and the completeness of his redemption from the phrasing and fallacies of indecision, the President disarmed all critics.

WILL NOT BURDEN TAXPAYERS

Opponents of the road bond bill contend that the proposed bond issue will become an added burden to the general taxpayer. As a complete answer and refutation of this argument, the Legislative Good Roads Committee has incorporated the following statement as a part of its argument in support of the bond bill which will be published in the official state pamphlet:

"We have ascertained from the records of the office of the Secretary of State that the income from the present quarter-mill tax is \$230,000 per annum; that the income from auto licenses, based upon the present number of automobiles, at the increased license rate effective August 1st, will be not less than \$310,000 per annum to be used in paying interest and principal of bonds. The above funds will be sufficient not only to pay the interest and the principal of the \$6,000,000 bonds authorized by this act, but will also pay the interest and principal of the \$1,819,280.55 in bonds authorized to meet the government road appropriation. After paying these bonds there will be a surplus of at least \$2,793,402.66. Since 1911 the increase in the number of automobiles in the state of Oregon has been 33 1-3 per cent per year. With the completion of good roads this increase will naturally be larger. However, we have not taken any increase into account but have based our figures on the present number of automobiles."

TO NULLIFY STATE LAW.

Here is what the Oregon Journal says about Curry county's attempt to nullify a state law:

The County court of Curry county is not a haphazard tribunal. It does not believe, evidently, in being bound by precept or rule. It has declared the statute calling the special election for June 4 to be unconstitutional, and the election to have been "illegally called." It has entered a formal order in which it says that "notice is hereby given that this court will refuse to authorize the holding of such election in Curry county or to pay any expenses incurred by reason of such election, and the clerk is hereby instructed to refrain from taking any steps toward holding such proposed election."

It is a new experience in Oregon for a County court to usurp the functions of the Supreme court and, beyond its power, to set aside the mandates of the legislature. It is a novelty to see a court by formal order direct an administrative officer to refuse to heed the law.

The spectacle would be amusing if it were not serious. Failure to hold the special election in Curry county, in common with the other counties of the state, would cast doubts on the validity of the road bond issue, should it receive an affirmative vote. It would cast doubt upon the fate of all other measures on the ballot. It would result in a chaos of uncertainty and litigation.

The court should recall its order and permit the law to take its course. If it does not the Supreme court should be asked to teach the court of Curry county the limitations of its authority, the fullness of its duty and the limits of its jurisdiction.

KILL FLIES AND SAVE LIVES.

Kill at once every fly you can find and burn his body.

Observers say that there are many reasons to believe there will be more flies this season than for a number of years.

The killing of just one fly NOW means there will be billions and trillions less next summer.

Clean up your own premises; see and insist that your neighbors do likewise.

Especially clean "out-of-the-way places," and every nook and cranny.

Flies will not go where there is nothing to eat, and their principal diet is too filthy to mention.

WORK THAT TELLS.

The Kind Coquille Readers Appreciate.

To thoroughly know the virtues of a medicine you must investigate its work. Doan's Kidney Pills stand this test, and plenty of proof exists right here in this locality. People who testified years ago to relief from back-ache, kidney and urinary disorders, now give confirmed testimony—declare the results have lasted. Can any Coquille sufferer longer doubt the evidence?

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A PERMANENT CURE.

Over three years later Mr. Bonney said: "I am glad to again endorse Doan's Kidney Pills as time has proven that my cure is permanent." Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Bonney has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Company, props., Buffalo, N. Y.

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They are indispensable to dairymen

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THE GOOD JUDGE GETS HIS CLOTHES AT POWELL'S TAILOR SHOP

MR. POWELL, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SUIT FOR ME AND A SUIT OF W-B CUT TOBACCO?



THAT'S EASY! IT TAKES A BIG SUIT TO FIT AND SATISFY YOU, BUT A LITTLE CHEW OF W-B CUT WILL LAST AND SATISFY ANY MAN.

THAT CERTAINLY IS THE TRUTH.

Run your tape line along the sum of money you've been spending for chewing and then chop it in two in the middle. Now you get an idea of what W-B CUT is saving judges of good tobacco. The difference is in the tobacco itself, its richness that makes tobacco lovers take to it—that's why a little goes such a long way. W-B CUT is just tobacco satisfaction through and through.

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Game Warden Beach, contribute the current num Sportsman:

Curry county is any other county gon. And it also ing grounds. Mo the state are la farms, but Curry raw state, with small strip along small valleys along

There is more ry county for deer We have the swe can bark, live of black oak acorns, small shrubs and browse upon. The ous small prairies ed through the n there is plenty of plenty of water ip

We have a few in Curry county. is found between creeks and there a thirty-five and for There are two cow seven or eight hea five or six head t Butler mountain mountain.

There is plenty county, but the p pretty well thinned are increasing rapi coyotes.

There were more in Curry county th There are two of of Brant geese and ers Cove and What

There are a few native pheasants, bu scarce. There were more year than there ha years.

There are trout t tai streams and as good as will be fou

There are lots through the mount places, and plenty

Needed More

We have been about vacant lot gr of preparedness and is interesting to re tions on that subje F. Hunt, of the ag ment of the Univer

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