

# The Sentinel

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Congress is suffering from the mouth disease. The anxiety of some of its members to hear their heads roar is being gratified while war preparations lag.

War prices for hunting and fishing licenses after this week. Saturday is the last day you can get them at \$1.00. The fifty per cent raise will go into effect Monday.

The high price of living is beginning to be reflected in the criminal courts. Two men will appear before the grand jury at Roseburg next Tuesday charged with sheep stealing.

More than a million head of stock grazed on the national forest ranges in Oregon and Washington in 1916. Of this number 996,741 were sheep and goats, and 157,589 cattle and horses.

The Eugene Fruit Growers' Association has one contract to furnish \$400,000 worth of canned vegetables this summer—carrots, squash, turnips, cabbage and green beans. Coos county ought to have a factory of that sort.

Flour that was selling here for \$1.75 a sack last fall commands \$3.50 now, just a hundred per cent increase. Sugar which was \$7.50 a sack then is now \$9.25. Milk is 25 per cent more. We are getting the high cost of living in the neck now.

Nothing could have pleased the Kaiser better than the dawdling in which the American congress has been engaged during the past six weeks. It would have been worth thousands of men and millions of money to our cause to have had prompt action.

While the Entente Allies are pledged to make no separate peace with Germany they are at all times willing to make a separate peace with either Austria, Turkey or Bulgaria. In this case the rule doesn't work both ways, as to separate one of her allies would be a staggering blow to Germany.

The arrival of an American flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers "somewhere in England" on Wednesday is a thing to be profoundly grateful for. If congress had enjoyed the opportunity to debate the question whether to send them or not, they would not have got away for weeks yet. As it is we hope soon to hear that they have rendered a good account of themselves.

"Don't close the breweries and distilleries," pleads one of our great chemists, "transform them. Instead of making alcohol for drinks, make it for the manufacture of explosives, make it for ether and other medicinal purposes, make it for fuel, make it for dyes and shellacs,—make it for every use to which Uncle Sam's chemists can put it in the supreme moment when all things must go to the melting pot to be turned to the nation's greatest good."

The Southern Pacific has handled 335,000,000 passengers in the past eight years—and not one of them has been killed. That is a wonderful record. And it is said that the number of people injured in accidents is so small that on an average one has to ride at the rate of 50 miles an hour for 32,000 years in order to get a scratch, but we have never seen the statistics from which this result is figured out, and it seems to us that almost any normal person would weary of railroad travel short of that length of time, and at least want to stop and take a vacation.

It is claimed that 95 per cent of the business failures in this country are due to defective account keeping. Either there is carelessness about keeping accounts for goods sold, or the dealer's ideas of his costs are hazy and he doesn't get enough for his goods to pay for them and meet his overhead charges. In most instances these mistakes probably go together. Add to these two, extended credits and failure to bother about collections at all, and you have an accumulation of dead weight that might be expected to sink any business. This item isn't intended as an advertisement for the Business College, but after writing it we see that it squints

that way. Account keeping, including a cost system, that takes into consideration every item of expense, is something no business man can afford to neglect.

The Coos county officials against whom Governor Willcoombe, at the recommendation of Attorney General Brown, recently instituted mandamus proceedings to compel them to hold an election June 4 to vote on the road bonds and other matters submitted to the people, are still full of fight. They have engaged Attorney W. C. Winlow, of Salem, to appear for them in the Supreme court and he will offer a lot of technical objections to the proceedings. We imagine, however, that the court will hold that Coos county is only a part of the state of Oregon and that the part can't boss the whole.

The Coos county corn growers who get the blue ribbons at the Coquille Corn Carnival next fall will have a chance to win further honors. At Eugene a "Western Oregon Corn Show" is to be staged December 11, 12 and 13, with \$400 in prizes. Pomona Grange and the Eugene Chamber of Commerce are the sponsors of the affair and there will no doubt be a big bunch of exhibitors. The sweepstakes figure is \$25 and from that they range from \$15 down to \$2.50 for different varieties and different sorts of soil. In the Boys' contest, the best bushel will get \$50 and the second best \$25.

Of the half a million men between 21 and 30 to be selected for the army by the first draft, 5405 will be taken in Oregon. Our state has 106,100 men between these ages. Five per cent of these will be our quota after crediting us with men already in the National Guard. That will mean one man for every 140 people—and the number to be drawn in Coos county will be 143; and for this city 13. But prior enlistments made here may and probably will be credited, still farther reducing that figure. That first draft won't cut very deep. God grant that before more have to be made peace will come.

Ex-Governor West, who was last year engaged by the government in work in relation to the proposed payment from the national treasury of the taxes due this and other counties of western Oregon on the O. & C. railroad lands, expresses the opinion that there must be further legislation by Congress before those taxes are paid and before the status of large tracts covered by uncompleted sale contracts will be clarified. On these points he says a bill will be introduced by Senator Chamberlain which will fully meet the situation created lately by the announcing of the decision of the Supreme court of the United States.

Some Oregon newspapers are protesting against any of our American soldiers being sent to the trenches in France. Better protest to the Kaiser. France and England are pretty nearly winded now, with the pressure let up on the east front and thousands of German troops being transferred to France to check the allies' advance. This is not going to be any limited liability war. If we are going to prevent German armies from landing on our coast, burning our cities, demoralizing our fields and intrenching themselves on our highways, the place to do it is in Europe—quick. The eternal gab-fest of the past six weeks in Congress has helped Germany a whole lot.

**WE ARE MUDDLING TOO.**  
Lord Northcliff's contribution to the Saturday Evening Post a very timely article entitled "Democracy is a Bad War Maker." Here is the pith of it: "When you come to examine any great success, you will usually find that at the head of it are a few personalities who, sitting around a table at regular intervals, give their orders with certain knowledge that they will be carried out without friction or intrigue. Compare Lincoln's position in 1861 with that of the German Kaiser in 1914. Consider the anguish of mind, muddle, disorganization, intrigue and useless waste of human life that took place in your army by reason of politics and wirepulling, as compared with the instant springing to arms of every fighting German in 1914. Had that wonderful army that poured through Belgium been inspired by the enthusiasm and conviction of free men, I do not think that anything could have topped its progress. It is just that which is lacking in autocritically ruled armies. They go as far as they are told to go, and wish to go no farther."

We have been having another example of this muddling in war making in a free government by the way our Congress has wasted these precious weeks of the most critical period of the war haggling over the Army bill. It might well be that three weeks delay in getting the work of organizing an army started would result in the loss of a war. And yet those little big men at Wash-

ington could not resist the inclination to make a holy show of themselves as statesmen, no matter what the risk. To thrust out every war problem in a mass meeting would ruin any cause, and yet the house of representatives with four hundred and forty members becomes at such a time simply a big mass meeting and the senate with only four less than a hundred a smaller one.

### OSWALD WEST FOR SENATOR.

If there is any way of heading off Oswald West from becoming United Senator from Oregon to succeed Harry Lane, we should like to learn what it is, so we can help the good cause. Of all the possible candidates mentioned, we have heard the name of none who would seem to stand a chance to beat the peppery ex-governor, unless conditions change a great deal between now and next year.

The senatorial primaries will be on top of us in a few months. It is a foregone conclusion that West will beat Lane to a frazzle at the primaries.

Everything depends upon whom the republicans nominate, so far as the chance to beat West at the election is concerned.

West is honest and able, fanatical and vindictive, persistent and picturesque. He will run like a house afire. To beat him will not only require a man of highest character and ability, but one who in addition possesses qualities of political strength to unite the progressive and republican votes. A reactionary has been hasn't a chance on earth. A bitter campaign at the republican primaries would split the party as usual. Let us hope that some one will be found around whom the patriotic public sentiment of the state may rally, so that Oregon may have in the Senate chamber a full sized statesman who will not only do his duty by the nation but will not be blind to Oregon's developmental needs. Of recent years our Oregon senators seem to have forgotten there is such a state as Oregon—Oregon Voter.

The Sentinel editor has always had a very kindly feeling for Governor West for a good many reasons, but since we double crossed ourselves voting for Harry Lane because we knew he couldn't be switched from a square deal or induced to turn a blind side to any crooked scheme of the interests, we don't feel quite so sure about West. The same is unquestionably true of Oswald West, and we hope he is not tainted with the sort of anarchistic notions that made Lane go back on the United States and the flag, and all that they stand for, and do his little best to help the Kaiser. Not intentionally, of course, but just because he was unable to rise to the situation and perceive what true Americanism demanded. We have no idea he was so white livered as he seemed. His think works just ran wild on a reverse curve, and he landed in the ditch, that's all.

West is on the square, all right; our only question is whether he possesses the sense of proportion and the gyroscopic quality needed in a big place.

### "THEY HAD A MIND TO WORK."

After the Jews had been "hanging their harps on the willows" along the banks of the Euphrates at Babylon for seventy years, Nebemiah came back to Jerusalem with a remnant and began to rebuild the walls. They were nothing but heaps of stones and rubbish, and Sanballat and his crowd laughed at them as they went about their discouraging task. But the record tells us "they had a mind to work" and it wasn't long before they were well fortified in their old capital. Going about our city now there are ample evidences that the people of Coquille have a mind to work for the production of food and do their bit to increase our nation's war supply.

To say that one has a mind to work is high praise, while to say that one is willing to have something done means very little, but to be willing ought to mean the same as to have a mind to, for both expressions mean the same thing. The will is the human dynamo and to be will-ing is to have the current turned on and the wheels whirring. That is what is happening here and all over the country today, so far as war preparedness is concerned. We are beginning to buckle on our armor and brace ourselves for the fight.

### Senator Lane on Sick List.

Senator Harry Lane, accompanied by his wife and daughters, left Washington last Friday for southern California, where they will make an extended visit before returning to their home in Portland. Senator Lane has not been in the senate since April 7, when he became seriously ill. While he remained in Washington he refused to observe precautions which doctors told him must be followed, and in consequence his condition is more serious than it was a month ago.

Calling cards 75c per 100 here.

### Have You a Hammer Toe?

Have you a hammer toe? That is what the army and navy recruiting officers want to know, in addition to whether one has a flat foot. For the benefit of those who are not familiar with hammer toes, the doctors give the information that it is a condition wherein the muscles underneath the toe contract, raising the toe so that part of the weight is placed on the ball of the foot. A flat foot is where the arches have broken and the under surface of the foot all touches when walking. As marching is part of a soldier's business, hammer toes and flat foot are tabooed.

### Government May Want Them.

Arno Mergan, general superintendent of the C. A. Smith company, has received from the chairman of the federal shipping commission a request to report all vessels of over 1,500 tons operated by the company and to state where the vessels are now. It is taken that this is a step in the government's plan to take over merchant ships needed. If it was necessary to transport the lumber from the Smith mill in vessels of under 1,500 tons it would take ten or a dozen such ships.—Coos Bay Harbor.

### Trust the Women To Do It.

Here is a new suggestion on the six million road bond issue. "It's dollars to doughnuts," says the Roseburg News, "that when it comes to voting on the bond issue for better thoroughfares you will find the women casting their ballot in the affirmative. It's seldom you find the gentler sex opposed to legitimate improvements. They usually beat the 'old man' to it every time."

### Will Still Remain on the Run.

It is now announced that the two North Pacific steamers, Breakwater and F. A. Kilburn, will be kept on the present run by their new owners, Crowley & Mahoney, and that they will be run as the "Emerald Line." We imagine that by any other name the Breakwater will smell just about as sweet.

### Call on us for Stationery.

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Highway Construction, Coos County, Oregon.

Sealed bids for the construction of a portion of the Coquille-Myrtle Point Section of the Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway, in Coos County, Oregon, will be received by the County Court of said County at its office in the Court House, Coquille, Oregon, until 10:00 A. M. June 7th, 1917.

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by cash, bidder's bond, or certified check for an amount equal to at least 5 per cent. of the total amount of the bid.

A corporate surety bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum equal to one-half the total amount of the bid.

Proposal blanks and full information for bidders may be obtained at the office of the County Clerk of said County, or at the office of the Roadmaster, in the Court House, Coquille, Oregon.

Plans and specifications and forms of contract may be seen at the same place or may be obtained upon the deposit of \$15.00.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for said County.

### COUNTY COURT OF COOS COUNTY.

James Watson, County Judge  
G. J. Armstrong, County Commissioner  
Archie Philip, County Commissioner  
Attest: L. W. Oddy, County Clerk.  
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### A STITCH IN TIME.


Coquille People Should Not Neglect Their Kidneys.

No kidney trouble is unimportant. Don't overlook the slightest backache or urinary irregularity. Nature may be warning you of approaching dropsy, gravel or Bright's disease. Kidney disease is seldom fatal if treated in time, but neglect may pave the way. Don't neglect a lame or aching back another day. Don't ignore dizzy spells, irregular or discolored urine, headaches, weariness or depression. If you feel you need kidney help begin using the reliable, time-tried remedy, Doan's Kidney Pills. For 50 years, Doan's have been found effective. Endorsed by grateful people.

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