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THE KAISER'S DREAM.

There's a story I'm told, though strange it may seem,
How the great Kaiser Bill had a wonderful dream.
He was dreaming of allies as he lay in his bed,
When his dream switched about and he dreamed he was dead.
In a very fine coffin he was lying in state,
And thousands were there though none mourned his fate.
His soul buzzed about and found out to his cost
That he and his soldiers were doomed to be lost.
He wouldn't believe it, so to heaven went straight,
And, arrived at the portals, knocked loud at the gate.
"Hey, Peter, get busy, quick open the door."
See who's here. It's the kaiser. Make everything roar.
Beat the drums, blow the horns, have a swell banquet made;
Tell Gott I have come and we'll have a parade.

Saint Peter looked out; then, in voice loud and clear,
Said, "Try down below, Bill; you can't get in here."
"Tut, tut," said the kaiser, "you're very unwell—
Don't probably know I'm a friend of the devil.
And I'm going with pleasure." So he started to go,
A-whistling like blazes, to make a fine show.
When he came to hell's door he was filled with dismay,
For while waiting outside he overheard Satan say:
"Look here, boys, take notice, I give you all warning,
I'm expecting the kaiser down here in the morning;
But don't let him in, he'll start musing about;
So give him the ha! ha! and kick him right out."

"Oh, Satan, dear friend," the kaiser then cried,
"Excuse me for listening while waiting outside.
But please let me in, for where else can I go?"
"Indeed," said the devil, "I'm damned if I know."
"Ach, please let me in, for I'm feeling quite cold;
And if you want money I've plenty of gold;
Let me sit in a corner, no matter how hot."
"Nix, nein," said the devil; most certainly not;
You can't gain admittance by your offer of pelf,
Here are sulphur and matches, make a hell for yourself.
Don't skimp, use them freely, for, by donner and blitz,
I have plenty more left for the sultan and Fritz."

From his troublous sleep Bill awoke in a sweat
And said, "That's a dream I shall never forget.
That I won't go to heaven I know very well,
But I never believed I'd be kicked out of hell!"
—Exchange.

A recent head in The Oregonian said: "Slacker Is Redeemed; Son of Clackamas County Residents Now in U. S. Senate." Some folks have peculiar ideas about redemption. The headline should have said that the young man was in the U. S. Service.

HOW THE WAR HAPPENED.

Every time anyone mentions military preparedness the Benton County Courier has an attack of hydrophobia and relieves its agony by drooling over its editorial page.

The Courier iterates, reiterates, affirms and reaffirms that if Germany had not been prepared for war there would have been no war. So far the Courier is correct. We, too, once opposed any manner of preparedness but now we can see that the war was brought on no more through the fact that Germany was prepared for war—had been preparing for years, than to the fact that England was unprepared for war. Had England had as many men trained to arms as she now has, and had them equipped in the manner they are now equipped, does anyone presume to say that Germany would have brought on this war?

Had America had an army of a million trained men, fully equipped, not one of them would have had to shed his blood on foreign soil.

It is easy now to see that preparedness would have kept us out of this war. Germany never would have issued its submarine defy had she known we were prepared to meet that defy.

It is even doubtful if Germany would have heaped insult upon us the way she did had she any idea we would enter the war in the way we now have.

A man looking for trouble doesn't

pick out someone who seems prepared to give him a good licking.

Neither do nations.
We favor a complete disarmament except for domestic protection, but those who cite Germany's military preparedness as the cause of this war must not overlook the fact that she thought she was going to meet a helpless foe, and had things guessed pretty nearly correct.

One prepared nation, ambitious for greater territory and world power, with other nations unprepared for war, makes war certain.

That is really how this war came about, but we hope this war will result in the disarmament of all nations, except for domestic needs.

The administration wouldn't appropriate a cent for the newspapers which gave their services in raising millions for the liberty loan. Economy was the watchword. But now we find that the same care was not used in other endeavors. Millions were wasted lavishly on the ship-building program, which has not yet got a good start, while the newspapers put over what they were asked to do and got nothing.

DEBATERS NEED PLAUDITS.

To our way of thinking, the highest of school activities is debate work. Yet it is hard to get pupils, who go to school to train their minds, to take up this branch of school activities. There is no trouble in finding football enthusiasts. Every boy is a baseball enthusiast and the whole school are basketball players or fans, but when it comes to debate, the activity that should dovetail into the regular school work, volunteers are not numerous and the coach has a mighty hard time whipping his teams into shape.

There may be several reasons for this condition. One undoubtedly is that youth wants lots of physical exercise. Exercise of the body is much more pleasant than the exercise of the brain. And this often holds true in grownups.

Yet, when one comes to think of it, what greater physical victory is there than making a good impression with an audience? The body must be in good trim. Nerves must be in the best condition. The eye must be steady, there must be self confidence, the voice must be well-tuned. Every part of the body is called upon, is strained to do its utmost. Often strong men are left limp and weak after an hour's strain before an audience.

The exhilaration of physical exercise is craved by the growing generation. But where is there greater exhilaration than in holding an audience spell bound? Where is there greater exhilaration than in outgeneralling your opponents in a forensic combat?

No mother is any more proud of her football star than of her debating star, and the latter has gained something that is going to give him confidence in his dealings with the world after school days are left well behind. He has gained that which is going to make him a master of men.

There is still another reason why youth prefers physical to mental exercise. That is because of the greater encouragement given to athletics. Thousands will yell their heads off applauding a master play in a football game or a home run in a baseball game. Plaudits are as dear to youth as to their elders.

Possibly the reason Cottage Grove has not taken a prominent part in debate is because the patrons do not encourage debate the way they do football and basketball.

Possibly that is one great reason why Cottage Grove's entry into debate this year ended in a fiasco.

W. H. Hornbrook, editor of the Albany Democrat, is a candidate for democrat national committeeman from Oregon. There is no salary attached to the job, and that's the kind we believe in giving to democrats. Besides, for obvious reasons, no republican could be elected to this job. The things which lower Hornbrook in the eyes of a republican give him the greater qualifications for this job—and he has some other qualifications besides these. As long as a democrat must be picked for the job, none is more worthy than Hornbrook. He should have the democratic vote, and we will give him every democratic vote we cast.

EXPLANATION DEEPENS THE MYSTERY.

While The Sentinel does not hold the same jealousy towards the agricultural college that some other residents of Lane county do, yet we must admit that we seem to have been correct when we said some time ago that it was likely that the apparent deceit practiced by someone in raising the salary of President W. J. Kerr never would be satisfactorily explained away.

Dr. Kerr has developed a great institution at Corvallis. He has put his heart into the work. He has been recognized as a tremendous success in his particular line of work. Possibly but few would say that he was not worth \$8400 a year to the state in his position at the head of this institution. His former salary was \$7000 a year. The members of the board of regents had often said he was worth more. It is reliably reported that he had offered him more and that he had refused to accept the raise. It is, therefore, apparent that his worth was recognized without any offer, real or otherwise, from any other state. He himself seems to us too shrewd and honorable to attempt any kind of a shell game, and there was no need of such a stunt, yet there seems to be a nigger in the woodpile somewhere.

When the raise was given Dr. Kerr it was publicly announced that he had accepted the Oregon offer at less than the salary offered by Kansas. Then came back the word from Kansas that the offer had never been made, al-

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Never has the market condition of cotton and wool blankets been in such an alarming state as now. Good blankets for season 1918-19 are scarce. Deliveries from mills are not guaranteed. The net wholesale prices quoted by mills on next season's blankets are, in many instances, higher than our present retail prices. However, we are maintaining our reputation for reasonable prices by offering our entire stock of cotton and wool blankets

At Original 1917 Prices

We invite you to take advantage of this offer. Buy NOW for your next winter's needs. Let us show you these blankets this week.

Cotton Blankets Priced..... \$1.35, \$1.85, \$2.25 to \$3.50
Wool Blankets Priced..... \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00 to \$15.00



New House Dresses and Aprons

NOW ON DISPLAY EAST BALCONY

The women who have seen the new house dresses and aprons at this store this week have, without exception, been greatly pleased and attracted by the combination of dainty style and good value. The materials of pretty plaids, stripes, figured and plain patterns in gingham and percale.

Prices—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.85, \$1.95, \$2.25 to \$2.75

Short lengths accumulated throughout the fall and winter months must be dispersed in just a few short hours—hence the

Extreme Price Reductions

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Those who have attended our remnant sales in the past know how important it is to come as early as possible to secure the fullest possible benefit of this absolute disposal of every single short length in stock. Hundreds of yards of silks and woolen weaves, in useable lengths, are included. The very fact that these are remnants attests the popularity of the weaves, patterns and colors included.

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WATCH FOR NEW GINGHAM STREET DRESSES TO BE PUT ON DISPLAY SOON

Men! Here's a Sale You'll Certainly Be Interested in

\$1.19 SALE OF SHIRTS \$1.19

Where is the man who has too many shirts? We have yet to meet him. When such "classy" patterns and such qualities as are included in this sale can be obtained at such low prices we venture to say that most men can find room for more.

We've put the knife into these shirt prices in order to unload our shelves before spring stocks begin to arrive. We're losing money, of course, but we'll be able to start the new season with an entirely new stock and that's of more importance to us. Besides, when you buy these shirts and realize what big value you are getting, you'll be satisfied customers and that's important too.

Included in this sale are negligees, sports shirts, shirts with or without collars, laundered or soft cuffs. They are the famous Hallmark and Ide brands.

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THE QUALITY STORE—GOOD SERVICE

Grocery Department

LARGE NEW STOCKS TRY US—PHONE 33

Best safety matches, box..... 5c
Best laundry soap, bar..... 5c
Arm & Hammer soda, 3 boxes..... 25c
Best corn starch, 2 boxes..... 25c
Rex 100% pure lye, a can..... 10c
Curry cut macaroni, a lb..... 10c
10 lbs. graham and whole wheat flour..... 75c
White Lady Washington beans, a lb..... 12½c
Brown bayou and pink beans, a lb..... 12½c
Southern whole head rice, lb..... 10c
High Flight best hard wheat flour a sack..... \$2.90
Country cured bacon and ham, a lb..... 35c

NEW SHIPMENT OF WHITE LAWN WAISTS ARRIVED THIS WEEK NOW ON DISPLAY \$1.50 TO \$2.95

though Dr. Kerr reasserted that it had been. But for circumstances which have followed we would be inclined to think that the offer really was made, but that the Kansas people, for some reason, had changed their minds, and had decided to get out of the predicament by saying that it never had been made.

The thing that makes the mystery deeper than ever and makes it appear that something is being covered up at home is that the board of regents now say that the Kansas offer had nothing to do with influencing them to give Dr. Kerr a raise.

If such was the case, why were the newspapers of the state besieged to urge upon the board of regents the vital necessity of keeping Dr. Kerr here even at an advance in salary. If the board of regents were not influenced by the Kansas offer, why was a campaign carried to every corner of the state based upon the Kansas offer? And if the Kansas offer had nothing to do with the raise in salary, why didn't the board of regents say so at the time instead of

giving out a public statement that Dr. Kerr had been induced to stay despite the Kansas offer? Why was the Kansas offer used at that time as the explanation of the raise in salary, when at a later date the regents say that had nothing to do with the case?

The explanation deepens the mystery. We do not yet believe that Dr. Kerr lent himself to any underhanded scheme, but he is suffering from it as much as if it had been his own invention, and explanations that do not explain only make matters worse.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

The Duke of Manchester says the income tax is a curse. He can easily stop its bothering him by giving his wife's money back to her American relatives.

A Georgia woman paid \$30 to talk five minutes to her parrot over a long distance telephone. We would hardly think a woman who doesn't know any

more than to do a trick like that could talk \$30 worth in such a short time.

If Luther Burbank should discover some way of crossing the gasoline engine with a perfume atomizer, his claim to glory would be secure forever.

The man who ate 75 eggs on a wager, could be excused for perpetrating a lay.

When we read some books we feel as if the parents of the authors deserved punishment for the kind of company they allowed their children to get into.

When a girl is married the parents might as well make the best of it, for the girl will have enough to put up with anyway.

A Russian named Jawbrinshiskow-offsky has been denied the use of the mails. This action ought to facilitate the service somewhat.

Why worry about your troubles? One college alone turned out 150 lawyers last year.

The man who has a job by the hour has some athletic club to go to in the evening for exercise.

A preacher has advised his flock to grow mushrooms as a solution of the

high cost of living. His idea greatly resembles the plant, the growing of which he advises.

If you are careful and economical and not too particular about all details, you can build a \$2500 house at not more than a thousand dollars over the estimate.

Some folks are always posing as examples but their sum doesn't amount to much.

The person who is always kicking must expect to get a reputation as an ass.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor with the will annexed of the estate of James A. Sears, deceased, has filed in the county court of Lane county, Oregon, his final account as such executor and that Tuesday, the 19th day of February, 1918, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m. of said day, has been fixed by said court as the time for hearing any objections to said report and the settlement thereof.

Order made and entered of record, January 15th, 1918.

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