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### THE FOOL'S REWARD.

G. O. Freeman  
 He stood aside where none might see,  
 And watched her passing down the street,  
 The while she guided carefully  
 A little toddling baby's feet.

He wondered, seeing her go by,  
 If she recalled a certain day,  
 When she could scarce suppress a sigh  
 Because he coldly turned away.

He fancied, too, she might be sad,  
 And waiting until he returned  
 To claim the love that once he had,  
 In foolish haste, so lightly spurned.

But now, with look that he had ne'er  
 Supposed could glory her face,  
 She led her sister's baby where  
 He peered out from his hiding place.

And so he turned away to go  
 Alone through life, and sadly dream  
 Of pleasures he might never know,  
 And pledges he could ne'er redeem.

### UN-AMERICAN.

Americanism may be demonstrated in several forms. In fact, in these times, it must be demonstrated in many ways.

With some of these forms we are familiar. We know it is our duty to support the government. We know it is our duty to support the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. We know it is our duty to buy trift stamps and liberty bonds.

If we are naturalized citizens, we know it is our duty to forget our fatherland and give our full support to our adopted country, even in a war with the country in which we were born.

The latter is probably the hardest test of American citizenship. Who of us born in America could think of becoming citizens of another country and taking up arms against America, even though we knew this country were in the wrong?

The number of German-born citizens who have stood every test in the present great struggle is amazing. The number of boys of German ancestry who are now in the service of their country, defending it in a war against a country in which their ancestors were born, is one of the wonders of the present titanic struggle.

All of which imposes a further duty upon those whose ancestors were born here or in the countries of our allies.

That duty is to show the greatest respect for those of German birth and German ancestry who are daily displaying their fealty to the country adopted by themselves or by their ancestry. We must bear in mind that they have had to put aside emotions with which those born here have not had to contend. We must bear in mind that their position at this time is a hard one and that one of the hardest things for them to bear is to have their patriotism doubted or suspicioned when given at such a sacrifice of sentimental feelings. We must remember that as a small act on their part might be misconstrued by American-born citizens, so may a slight word on our part be taken by German-blooded citizens as doubt of their loyalty.

If we who are born here would have our loyalty questioned, we must remember that loyal citizens born elsewhere are just as sensitive, if not more so.

In this vicinity there lives a woman born in Germany who has raised several children, who has probably reached the delicate period in a woman's life, a large part of whose life may have been given to a struggle to keep her brood neatly dressed and comfortably fed, who has many relatives in the German army, but who yet says she tries to be a true American citizen, despite the fact that her children are taunted by their school mates and she herself plagued by her neighbors' children.

If she has disobeyed any regulation she says it was because she didn't know she was doing so. The latter is a better excuse than has been given by some born here for not wishing to comply with food regulations.

If this woman, or any other woman of Cottage Grove, has displayed in any way a pro-German leaning, or has refused to abide by food regulations, she should be reported to the proper authorities, who will give the case proper attention. Any citizen who knows of such a case and does not report it is almost equally guilty.

But if this woman, or any other German-blooded man or woman, has not committed any offense and has endeavored to live up to the laws of the land, giving as they are able to the prosecution of the war, it is extremely un-American on the part of those who have taunted her; it is extremely un-American of parents who have permitted their children to taunt her, and it is particularly un-American of those boys and girls who have taunted and teased her children at school.

Her children were born here. They are American citizens. They are not responsible for the acts of their parents, even if such should be disloyal, and they are as much entitled to an education as any other children. They are entitled to the same treatment as any other American children so long as they comport themselves as such.

If we would have foreign-born become and act as American citizens—if we would have children of foreign-born citizens grow up as Americans, let us treat them in a manner to show that American citizenship is something to be desired, without for a moment condoning any un-American act or word on the part of either foreign or native born.

The Springfield News has found the publication of a semi-weekly unprofitable and will hereafter issue but once a week. It is something of a job to make any kind of a paper pay in these strenuous days of sky-rocketing prices. The semi-weekly is much more expensive to produce than a weekly and the returns are but slightly greater than those of a weekly, therefore the semi-weekly must go for the present. We know of but three semi-weeklies now remaining in the state. Editor Dimm can give the Springfield people more for their money in a weekly than in a semi-weekly.

### INVESTIGATING AND PROFITEERING.

The profiteer and the hoarder of the necessities of life are lower than the draft evader. No punishment is too severe for their crime. To be lacking in patriotism is bad enough. Such a person should be an outcast from society. But the person who adds to already ill-gotten gains by fattening on the patriotism of others, who takes advantage of a situation in which our men and boys are bearing their breasts to enemy shot and shell, a situation in which mothers are cheerfully parting with sons, wives with husbands, children with fathers, fathers with children and sisters with brothers, who takes advantage of such a situation to grab a few dirty dollars of unreasonable profit, is too low and contemptible and loathsome to live on the same planet with decent people.

Such a one, if he thought he could escape detection, would sell his own mother into slavery and traffic in his own daughter's virtue. His presence would pollute hell itself and the stench of his putrid carcass upon the flames of eternal fire would strangle Satan himself.

There is none lower than the profiteer except it be the libertine who leaves his slimy trail in the home of some husband or father serving his country on the battle front.

For this reason the greatest care should be taken in bringing a charge of profiteering or hoarding against anyone. The stigma that immediately attaches to one thus accused is not wiped out by proof of his innocence. The injury of a false charge of this kind can never be overcome.

Another reason why great care should be taken in making such a charge is that the people expect the government to immediately right the wrong that has been brought to light and there is great disappointment and dissatisfaction when the charge is found to be greatly exaggerated and nothing is done. In times such as these, with prices mounting higher and higher, there is a firm belief on the part of the ultimate consumer that someone is making an unreasonable profit, resulting in great dissatisfaction and under-the-surface murmuring because the government does not do something about it. A murmuring, dissatisfied people are not the kind that successfully prosecute a war. Certainly the government should not increase the murmuring and dissatisfaction by carelessly bringing charges of profiteering when it can not so far prove its case as to be able to act in a vigorous manner.

Only a short time ago we were informed that through the efforts of Francis J. Heney great quantities of hides had been found in the hands of packers and that the packers were holding them for bigger profits, thereby forcing still higher the prices of leather goods.

The public was in a mood to believe every word of the story, and we expected momentarily to hear that these great hoards had been confiscated and that leather goods would take a tumble.

But the hoards have not been confiscated and leather goods have not taken a tumble.

Now comes "Hide and Leather," a trade publication, and recites that in reality the stock of hides is not above normal and that the packers are disposing of them as rapidly as they can under the abnormal conditions now exist-

ing. The same publication recites that not a person familiar with the hide business has been called before the federal trade commission as a witness.

Oregon is, unfortunately, familiar with the work of Heney as a prosecutor. He caught many guilty ones but gathered innocents in the same dragnet, persecuting and prosecuting innocent and guilty alike. He had mercy for neither guilty nor innocent.

Can it be that he is again following the same method, that he has four-flushed on the hide business, that there are no great stocks of hides to be confiscated, that the packers have been accused of a crime of which they are not guilty and that we have been stirred with hopes of relief which can never come?

Possibly the packers are so accustomed to muck-raking that their feelings will not be greatly injured by false accusations, but if they are trying to do their part in this great conflict they should be given the fair treatment that will encourage them in continuing to do so. If they are not doing their part, the government has ample machinery at its hand to learn the truth and mete out proper punishment, but we have no patience with government investigations that get nowhere when a day's work on the part of investigators and price fixers could bring us real relief in regard to the cost of the substitutes we are asked to use in the place of wheat. The price of those substitutes can be fixed in a day. An investigation may take months and get us nothing.

The government can quickly put an end to profiteering by fixing prices so that there can't be any profiteering. We are not interested in any self-advertising stunt some investigator may be pulling off. We want results—and want them now.

### THINGS WE THINK

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

A swelled head is a hard case to treat as there is usually nothing inside to work on.

Morgan has bought a \$5000 bible. That is a valuable work at any price.

Love letters are generally filled with silly nothings, but they have a cash value in court.

The only side of the money question we hear is the one the Goddess of Liberty is on. The other side doesn't talk.

Now we hear there is to be a combination of the tobacco and paper trust. Tobacco and paper make a bad combination.

The days become a second longer in every 460,000 years—but the flight of time is so rapid that few would have noticed this fact if it had not been called to their attention.

A scientist tells us that metals get tired—but who ever saw a lazy man on his mettle?

You can't be a pioneer in any movement if you wait to climb on the band wagon.

There has to be a nigger in the woodpile to give color to some of the stories we hear.

Great men are seldom appreciated while alive. Even the Savior was one of the most maligned of men during life.

Those foreigners who prate about the impetuous haste of Americans might have occasion to revise their opinions if placed in the position of the country newspaper man trying to collect his subscriptions.

Keep your thoughts pure and sweet and you need not worry about the utterances of your mouth.

The mother who does not teach her daughter to do housework is not doing justice by her daughter nor her future son-in-law.

There is a big difference in the way different people say the same thing.

If people acted all the time like they do during a campaign the insane asylums would not lack for recruits.

Married women live longer than single ones. There is absolutely no question about the truth of this statement. Who ever heard of a single maiden living to be thirty?

Children need healthy and safe places to play, with an abundance of fresh air and moral surroundings. Public playgrounds will do wonders for the physical and moral health of the growing generation.

"Well, I'll be hanged!" exclaimed the homicide upon hearing the jury's unexpected verdict of guilty.

Brevity is said to be the soul of wit—but it does not strike most men as being funny to be "short" along about Christmas time.

"When a woman is kissed on one cheek should she turn the other?" asks an exchange. No, she should only turn about half that far.

"Feed your cows sweets," says a Wisconsin dairyman, "it will do them good." Give us a little more taffy like that and we will try it.

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### OBITUARY.

Alice Loretta Wilson was born in Oregon, Calif., June 15, 1887, and died at Yoncalla, Ore., Feb. 20, 1918, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Louisa Wilson, at the age of 30 years, 8 months and 5 days. She spent almost all of her life in Douglas county and was married at Drain June 29, 1909, to Robert E. Thompson, who survives. Though she had been a great sufferer for four years she bore all patiently and firmly believed to the last that she would re-



cover and made plans for the rearing and education of her only son Leo; Besides the husband, son and mother, surviving relatives are the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Martha Trunell, of Great Falls, Mont.; Mrs. Mary A. Williams, of Yoncalla; Mrs. Jessie Trunell, of Cottage Grove; Mrs. Eveline Potter, of Yoncalla; Mrs. Eliza H. Davis, of Corning, Calif.; Mrs. Nellie Wil-

son, of Yoncalla; Mrs. May Cox, of Merrill, Ore.; and Frank and Albert Wilson, of Yoncalla.  
 Funeral services were held at Yoncalla Friday afternoon, Rev. White, of Drain, officiating. Interment was in the Yoncalla cemetery. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

### U. S. Will Take All Beans.

Too many white beans cannot be raised in the United States, so great is the present demand, according to official word from the federal food admin-

istration. Oregon can do its bit in the production of beans, says Assistant Food Administrator W. K. Newell.

The army and navy alone can use a great amount of the beans, and the product can bring better than 9 to 10 cents a pound, says the communication from the food authorities.

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