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FOOLING NONE BUT HIMSELF.

Mr. Bryan continues to scoff at the idea that this nation needs to be better prepared to defend itself against attack. In the first place he insists there is no danger of attack.

This is the line of argument used in the latest issue of The Commoner to convince the people that the present agitation in favor of better preparedness is an unwise and wrongful movement.

If Mr. Bryan imagines that any considerable portion of the American people agree with him on this matter, he evidently is as badly fooled as he was once before when he cajoled himself into the hallucination that he had converted the American public to the need of free coinage of silver.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

A timely and sensible suggestion comes from an eastern congressman, who wants the federal government to issue a manual of citizenship for the instruction of foreigners who desire to become naturalized citizens.

It certainly is within reason to expect the government to do all it can to help the foreign-born resident to fully inform himself with regard to the privileges, duties and obligations he is about to assume when he decides to "take out papers".

for its own protection, should provide this. An official manual of citizenship could easily be furnished, which would give the information naturally sought by prospective citizens.

RAILWAYS DISTRESSED.

The official figures compiled by the Bureau of Railroad Economics for the decade of 1905 to 1914 inclusive make the reason for the financial distress of American railways very clear.

In spite of these and other increases, rates are lower. Not only are they lower than they formerly were in the United States, but they are much lower than in Europe, where wages and cost of material are much less.

GOOD AND BAD HEALTH.

A learned doctor, who spent some months in the French hospitals, tells the New York Academy of Medicine that our emotions are largely responsible for our physical condition.

Some doctors may disagree with the learned physician who makes this statement, but the mere layman will not dispute it. Indeed, for a long time it has been the opinion of many merely ordinary persons that their physical condition was in a very great measure due to other than bodily causes.

The best safeguard against sickness is cheerfulness. We should avoid the pessimist as carefully as he shuns the sunlight of hope. The man with a "grouch" is as dangerous to the public health as is the man afflicted with some other form of communicable disease.

CULTIVATING NEUTRALITY.

A rather curious method of promoting strict neutrality in thought and sentiment is being tried out by the learned professors in charge of the university of Zurich, Switzerland.

outbreak of the present conflict. But to entertain such thoughts exclusively does not conduce toward "benevolent neutrality." Whatever of evil may be found in the various countries of Europe, their respective contributions to the progress of civilization invite admiration.

From the lectures by the Zurich professors one may select a sufficient number of praiseworthy achievements to make it seem strange that the European nations should be divided into two opposing camps.

As yet no transcript of the Zurich professors' lectures on Germany has been received here, but what they have said of the chief achievements of the fatherland may be easily imagined.

Of course if any of the present belligerents should attack Switzerland, the students of the university of Zurich might forget some of the good things the professors have told them about their neighbors.

It is indeed gratifying to note, after that publication had scoffed at The Observer's news story concerning the extension of the logging road from Falls City into the Siletz basin.

Even the price of dreadnoughts, so we are told, is advancing. It now costs \$18,000,000 to build a dreadnought that could have been constructed for \$15,000,000 a year or two ago.

An eastern woman was fined for contempt of court, because she threw a kiss at the judge. Which no doubt aroused the real thing in the shape of contempt.

Italy has formally declared war on Bulgaria, thus tying one more knot in the tangled skein of European politics.

Just a year from now we will be in the last stages of a national campaign.

OTHERS' OPINIONS

Dallas, Oregon, October 25, 1915.—To the Editor: In your issue of October 22, you printed a report of the last regular meeting of the Dallas Commercial Club.

Such a plan seems to be a pretty good way to develop neutrality to a point of benevolence, and it might be adopted in the colleges and universities of the United States as a means of complying literally with President Wilson's admonition to American citizens.

As I understand it, the Commercial Club is organized for the purpose of boosting home industries, and in securing new industries for this community.

RABID RUDOLPH SAYS. IF THE PROHIBITIONISTS WIN - THEN THE WETS WILL HAVE TO MAKE CHAMPAGNE EXTRA DRY! NOTHING IS CERTAIN IN BASEBALL EXCEPT THE ADMISSION!

club has failed to extend any assistance to me, but on the other hand, has conducted itself in a manner well in keeping with the last attack made by Soehren.

It is quite true that the Dallas Brick & Tile company is in debt, but it is equally true that this is not any matter for discussion before the Dallas Commercial Club, nor is it a matter that requires publicity.

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