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THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1918

Scarcely a day passes that we do not read of one or more schools eliminating the teaching of the German language. If Germany keeps on with her atrocities, the time is not far distant when a German conversation will be the signal for brickbats to get busy.

Kansas farmers sell hides to the packers for 9 cents a pound. The leather into which the hide is manufactured is sold back to the farmers at 85 cents a pound. The same farmers sell dressed hogs to the butcher at 15 cents a pound. Their sons living in town buy it at 50 cents. There are some innocent persons who wonder why the farmers are flocking into the Non-Partisan league.—Oregon Journal.

Portland has at least one citizen who deserves a place in the Hall of Fame, if he means what he says when he announces that he will not keep any of the profits of a shipyard in which he is a stockholder and vice president. This man's name is Eric V. Houser and he has two sons in the service and he is the owner of the Multnomah hotel. Long may he live and may his tribe increase until John Rockefeller and his tribe are benevolently assimilated.

Time in its flight is almost certain to bring every one into their own rightful place. The standing of the Sioux savage of the early day is, for instance, much higher than it was formerly. It is remembered that many of the treaties made by the Sioux with the civilized whites were kept, but Kaiser Bill and his crowd have broken all they ever made with civilized people. The Sioux was not such a bad fellow after all. He wanted only a small part of the earth, while the present day savage wants it all.

SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD SUNDAY

President Wilson has signed the bill, passed by both houses, directing that all clocks in the United States be set ahead one

hour on the night of March 31st. This is to secure more daylight hours in which to speed up work. There is no penalty for not obeying the law, except the penalty of being an hour behind the rest of the country. For instance, if you fail to set your clock ahead you may be an hour late when you want to take a train; if you are a business man, your competitor will be doing business an hour ahead of you and if you have an appointment (to get married or buried) the thing may be over long before you get to the appointed place. Better set your clock ahead one hour when you go to bed Sunday night.

THRONE HUNTING

Trouble; much trouble for those neutral Scandinavian countries which had rather starve than join civilization in the war against German barbarism!

Germany's design is now clearly to make Finland a minor German monarchy. It is even announced, semi-authoritatively, that Oscar, the Kaiser's fifth son, has been selected for the throne, and that the Aland islands are to be made a second H ligoland, with position and power to shoot up anything coming out of Norway and Sweden.

That Germany meditates some sort of a cleanup is plainly indicated by the sudden and unanimous attack, by the German newspapers, on Norway, Sweden and Denmark, on the ground that they have been strongly leaning toward the entente.

But can you blame the king of Prussia? When you're in the kinging business and have hung on until a lot of sons have grown up, you have to go hunting for thrones, or you run great risk of your sons going hunting for your own. History is loaded with instances wherein eager sons didn't wait until pa really wanted to quit. One of the big disappointments in the great Napoleon's life was that he couldn't find thrones enough to suit all his relatives.—Portland News.

The Quick and the Dead

By F. C. HARLEY
Mayor of Astoria

Washington, D. C., March 25—I have been making a "little journey," as Elbert Hubbard used to call it, to that mammoth marble pile, the abode of the "quick and the dead," the National Capitol.

I acknowledge obligations to Hon. Alvan T. Fuller, Congressman from Massachusetts, for some of the inspiration for the excursion. Being president of the Packard Motor Car Co., of Boston, and accustomed to doing business according to the American method, Representative Fuller, having been an official occupant of the south wing of the capitol for a few months, has made a discovery. First, he discovered he was a member of a committee (Expenditure in the Interior Department) which, as he expressed it, had "no public business to justify its existence," and, second, he discovered there were sixty standing committees of the House, "more than half of them as useless and unnecessary" as the one mentioned. Fuller tendered his resignation as a member of the committee named, in a letter to Speaker Champ Clark, Feb. 25th.

Incidentally, in this letter, he handed the House of Representatives a package of hot stuff. He raised a ruckus. The "dead" began to resurrect and walk about in their grave clothes, talking incoherently. Fuller laughed; so did all Washington.

I immediately wondered, what about those "quick" and "dead" committees, and how fares it with our Oregon Congressional delegation in this line-up? I made a hasty survey of the situation, with the following results: Oregon has memberships in the Senate on these committees, all active and important: Military Affairs, Agriculture and For-

estry, Appropriations, Coast Defenses, Commerce, Indian Affairs, Irrigation of Arid Lands, Manufactures, and Public Lands (two members on last named.) It has membership on five other committees, but, as they are practically "dead ones," it is unnecessary to name them. In the House it has representatives on Ways and Means, Naval Affairs, Public Lands, and Irrigation of Arid Lands, all alive and kicking.

With this bunch of picture cards in their mitts, you'd fairly expect the Oregon Congressional delegation to win a few "pots," wouldn't you? Let us analyze the game.

A Senator or Representative who fails to get his work in at committee meetings misses more than half his chance to win, for it is there that bills are whipped into shape for consideration by the Senate and House. Sure, he has another chance in open session, but he has discarded his best cards. It's like drawing to a deuce.

How did Oregon fare in the Military Committee? In no way that you could notice. Yet that committee considers every particle of army appropriation and army expenditures. An Oregon Senator is chairman of it. Yet Oregon got no military post and no army cantonment. There is no better place on the Pacific coast for a great military post than Ft. Stevens, Ore., or, passing the deal, Vancouver, Wash., near Portland. Oregon offered several splendid sites for army cantonments; it got zero.

In a special sense the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry looks after the interest of the farmer, but I notice that, while the farmers of the South were taken care of by this committee, the Oregon and Western farmer gen-

erally is overlooked. This committee also deals with Forestry matters. A little action by the Oregon member might have brought the state's forest reserve timber largely into use for shipbuilding and airplane manufacture. Nothin' doin'.

From the Appropriations Committee Oregon got a little "small change" for Crater Lake Park, its two fish hatcheries and its two life-saving stations. Looks like this committee had declared a moratorium on Oregon payments.

Coast defenses? There is where we do not shine. We still have one coast defense left, Fort Stevens, supplemented by two forts on the Washington shore of the Columbia. A single super-dreadnaught of the type of the four Germany is about to "borrow" from Russia could reduce all the coast defenses of the Gateway to the Columbia basin without at any time being in danger itself. I'm telling no secret, for this situation is as well known to our enemies as to ourselves.

River and Harbor? Appropriations for this service, as well as for waterways in general, are handled by the Commerce Committee in the Senate. How we have fared in that bill I have already pointed out in a former article. We got \$350,000 out of twenty millions. We should have two millions.

What are our members on the Public Lands Committees doing? We certainly got a rotten deal on the Oregon & California Land Grant Bill, and that's about all that's been doing in that committee of late, affecting Oregon. The committee room has the air of a cemetery; but I suppose the clerks draw their salaries as usual.

The Irrigation question I dealt with in my last article. Our representatives stood pat on a pair of trays. Montana walked off with over twelve million and Arizona seventeen. We got less than five million, though we put in over ten. The difference was in the kind of representation Montana and Arizona had.

Indian affairs? We haven't even been able to get appropriations for improvement and needed new buildings for the largest modern Indian school in the Northwest, Chemawa. Our Indian Affairs representation is "cultus."

I will pass up the Ways and Means Committee of the House, because our member thereon only took his appointment at the beginning of the present session. If the chance is offered, he should work and vote to remedy the iniquitous burden of taxation imposed on the North and West by the Kitchen bill.

I will speak of the Naval Affairs Committee, however. The Congressman who represents us on that committee is supposed to be a "live one." But I've not noticed that he got us any naval base appropriation for the mouth of the Columbia. That's the thing he should work on now, if he's working this year. We may seriously need that naval base if the scene of naval activities is transferred to the Pacific ocean on account of the Russian situation.

By the way, this Congressman and one of his colleagues were offered a place on the River and Harbor Committee of the House, and both turned it down, though it is the most important committee, from Oregon's standpoint, in the list. Why did they do it? If there is any voice coming from the toms, perhaps we shall have an answer later. But it looks to me that a very great opportunity to serve our state was thrown away by these gentlemen.

Robert Harper, aged 52 years, residing at Gales Creek, was Tuesday declared insane, Dr. E. H. Smith examining Harper was of homicidal tendency, and he has imagined for some time that the neighbors were plotting against him, and he said he was going to get them before they got him. His attacks of mental disturbance have been coming on for a year. Heretofore, he has been of a quiet disposition. He is a son of David Harper.—Hillsboro Argus.

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH INCOME TAXES

In comparison with the tax levied in England on incomes our own income taxes are moderate, indeed.

In England the tax on incomes of \$1,000 is 4½ per cent, in America nothing.

In England the tax on incomes of \$1,500 is 6¾ per cent; in America nothing for married men or heads of families, and 2 per cent on \$500 for an unmarried man.

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GOVERNMENT INSURANCE NEEDS NO COLLECTOR

Soldiers, sailors, or their beneficiaries under the soldiers and sailors' insurance law need not employ attorneys or claim agents to collect the insurance, according to the Treasury Department. Circulars have lately been sent out by claim agents and attorneys offering to assist persons entitled to the benefits of this insurance in collecting their claims.

The procedure for the presentation and collection of insurance claims is simple. Blanks may be secured from the Bureau of War-Risk Insurance at Washington. The name of the person in service who was killed or injured, and the relationship which he bore to the person making the claim, should be given.

More Soldiers Called

The Washington county draft board has called William J. Ruff, Henry M. Clemens, Wilbur L. Thomas, Gus Olson, Gerhard Classon, Jesse G. Cunningham, Francis A. Porter, Jacob Weil, Guy W. Sockman, Joe Sester, Cecil D. Bennett and Winfield Dill to appear at Hillsboro tomorrow for entrainment for Camp Lewis. This is the final quota of Washington county for the first draft.

Fight Grain Smuts

A new bulletin just off the press at O. A. C. gives complete information as to best methods of treating seed grain for the elimination of smuts. Do your part, send for your copy of this bulletin today. It is short and to the point; free for the asking.

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MARY AND BOPEEP

Mary had a little lamb,
But the wool-growers say
That every year a million lambs
Of Mary's go astray.
These little lambs that Mary has,
With fleece as white as snow,
Are torn by dogs, coyotes and wolves,
The prey of every foe.

And Mary's lambs are not like those
Belonging to Bopeep;
If left alone they'll not come home
Or grow up to be sheep.

So Congress has been asked to help
The West to save its sheep,
Including Mary's little lambs
And those of Miss Bopeep.

For on these little lambs depends
The wool for soldiers' socks,
And if we would have wool enough
We must conserve our flocks.

—E. M.

G. B. Abraham of Gaston, while cutting wood at his home yesterday, caught his ax in a clothesline and the blade fell on his shoulder, cutting an artery. Dr. Kauffman says it will lay him up for two weeks and Abraham, who was in the selective service as volunteer, will forego going to Georgia for a fortnight. He is feeling sore about his accident—and says that no one need think he was trying to sidestep.—Hillsboro Argus.

Spraying Stone Fruits

Corvallis, Ore., March 26.—Brown rot of stone fruits, California Peach Blight, causing fruit rot of peaches, and many other destructive pests and diseases may all be greatly reduced by proper methods which are set forth in the new bulletin, Spraying Stone Fruits, just off the press at O. A. C.

Of all the fruits, none are more important in the present war emergency than the stone fruits. Dried prunes and canned peaches and cherries form an important part of the food stores of the nation and the army abroad.

Walter Watkins, who enlisted in the navy as a fireman Nov. 1st and was sent to Mare Island shortly thereafter, arrived in this city Thursday evening for a week's visit with his wife and other relatives. He has so far confined his seamanship to trips between the Island and Frisco and is anxious to be assigned to some ship. They must take good care of the boys, however, as Walter has gained 20 pounds since enlisting. He mentions having seen Ralph Emerson, Will Lasham and Guy McNutt occasionally at Mare Island.

The Pacific Market

Under the new management, this market has been stocked up with a tempting line of

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