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The weather reports from Portland and the Columbia Valley this winter haven't made us regret that we live in Coos county.

The dry goods dealer, who advertised "Woman's hose half off," in a recent sale perhaps told more truth than he intended, in these days of bare knees.

The difference between alcohol in an automobile radiator and in the radiator's owner is that in the former instance, it prevents a bust-up and in the latter promotes it.—Journal.

In buying garden seeds it is best, we believe, to give the preference to those grown in Oregon. Our summer weather is so markedly different from that of most sections of the country that it counts to have acclimated seed.

When sugar went up to thirty odd cents a pound less than two years ago, it looked as if no one but a lunatic would have predicted that the wholesale price would fall to less than 5 cents the following year. And yet that was just what happened in New York City day before yesterday, when it was quoted at \$4.90 a hundred.

How futile it was for the southern planters to plan to reduce the cotton supply of the world by letting their acres lie fallow is indicated by the November crop report of the statistical bureau of the international institute of agriculture, which indicates that Brazil produced 132,000,000 tons, and that the crop is 36 per cent above last year's.

It's just like Japan to say that she doesn't care to have any power guarantee the integrity or independence of her home dominions. Indeed, from what we have seen of Japanese bumptiousness we imagine those people would consider the suggestion of such a guaranty as desirable as in the nature of an insult. Japan has no doubt whatever as to her ability to take care of herself—and then some.

In its big holiday edition the Coos Bay Times gives the income from cedar lumber in this county during the past year at \$1,750,000 and from the dairy industry at \$750,000, or a good deal less than half as much. No wonder, if these figures are correct—and we suppose they are approximately—that the ranchers feel that they are paying more than their share of taxation. As soon as the timber is removed, the land on which it stood, of course, drops to a mere nominal value.

What are women bread winners doing. A daily paper before us has delved into the census returns and finds that only 37 per cent, or a little over a third, of the millions working for hire, are employed in stores, mills, factories and other mechanical establishments or in offices. The other 63 per cent are engaged in the professions, in agriculture, or in domestic or personal service of some kind. There were fewer than 2500 women physicians and surgeons in the country in 1880, while the number had increased in 1910 to more than 14,000.

When Gov. Olcott vetoed the bill making bonuses paid the soldiers exempt from attachments for old debts, he called it an insult to the war veterans. Lawyers, too, think it would have been entirely futile in attempting to create a class who needn't pay their debts, instead of making the provision general. Even then it would have run head on into that provision of our national constitution, which says that no law shall be passed, "to impair the obligation of contracts." Come to think of it the proposed bonus exemption runs afoul of that provision, too.

The people of Chicago have lost \$2 apiece this year on an average by robberies. That makes a total of four millions; but the hundreds of men guilty of this pilfering were mere pickers compared with the bank president who broke his bank by steal-

ing two million dollars, not a cent of which was recovered. If punishment was proportioned to the offense how many lives of sixty years would he have to do time. On the other hand how much real enjoyment will be ever get out of that stolen two millions. How he will come to hate himself, too, as the years roll by!

The one thing in which this Christmas differs from all the other Christmases of the past nineteen hundred and odd years, is that a conference of the leading nations of the world is now in session to promote the "peace on earth and good will towards men," of which the angels sung on that first Christmas day. More than that the progress so far made warrants a confident hope that the time may be at hand when the nations shall learn war no more. It has long been considered disgraceful for individuals to fight and it looks now as if nations that insisted on fighting would soon be sent to coventry.

Whether the act raising the gasoline tax to three cents a gallon in Oregon, to finance the fair was adopted or not at the special session last week, it is left up to the supreme court to determine, and how that body will settle it can hardly be in doubt. As it seems to us, and we have been up against a similar question a good many times, fifteen cannot be a majority of thirty. And when the constitution says it requires a majority of all the members elected to pass a bill in the senate, it might just as well have said it required sixteen votes. The fact that one member didn't attend the session would cut no figure—even if he failed to attend because he was no longer living.

The Sentinel believed the southern cotton growers were not justified in cutting down their acreage last year while so many people in the world were unable to get clothing enough to keep them warm through the winter. But in the case of the farmers of the central west, who have decided, through their farm bureau federations, to cut down their corn acreage this year, it is an entirely different proposition. Corn is a very bulky product and cannot be transported so foreign countries without danger of spoiling. More than that European people don't take to it like a duck does to water, but shy at it. Altogether farmers will be doing much better for themselves if they stop raising corn to burn for fuel and "raise more alfalfa, clover, soy beans and other leguminous crops that will increase the fertility of the soil" as they now propose to do in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri.

The people of this county certainly ought to appreciate the fight made by their representatives in the legislature against the proposition to add another \$80,000 to our back-breaking taxes to pay for a Portland show. All know the stand Tom Bennett took at the start and his strenuous struggle in the house in the interest of the taxpayers was just what was expected from this valiant leader of the opposition. And it was Hall's vote in the senate, as one of the unyielding fourteen who stood like a rock against any attempt to impose upon the people so much as a necessity to fight to save themselves from that Portland imposition, which saved the day—and we feel sure it was saved. Not one of those fourteen votes could have been spared and not one of them flinched from his duty. All honor to Hall and Bennett and Peirce. They did their duty, of course; but we believe in showing appreciation of representatives who do their duty.

Tuesday we received from our old friend, Dr. S. S. Estey, who has been for seventeen years pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Topeka, Kansas, a fifty page booklet, entitled "Business Proverbs." These proverbs were written or collected and put in permanent form some thirty centuries ago, but they are just as applicable to the business life of this age of the airplane, the railroad, the telephone and the wireless telegraph, as they were when camels laden with the gold of Ophir and the corn of Egypt met those carrying the silks of Cathay and the spices of Ceylon at the fords of the Jordan.

Black is black and white is white just the same now as it was then, and the recipes for a successful and happy life were the same in Jerusalem and Jericho then as they are in Topeka and Coquille today. To commit to memory these proverbs of Solomon now is to be just as well guarded against the tempter's snares as it was when Solomon's temple was building. In them one finds the crystallized wisdom of the ages.

"SHALL WE DRINK BLOOD?"
Senator Reed waxes eloquent in piling up all the things America "could have done" had she remained out of the Pacific Union.

He tells the senate that the United States has the wealth and the popu-

lation to build the greatest fleet on the seas, to outdo all other nations in the race for armaments and to become master of the seven oceans.

Unfortunately, he didn't explain why America should do—all those things. He didn't explain why we need the greatest fleet on earth nor why we should spend billions building and maintaining that fleet, bases for the fleet, navy yards for the fleet and billions more in operating the fleet, the bases and the navy yards.

He didn't give any reasons why the people of the United States should spend their money in defeating the other countries in a race of armaments instead of spending it to increase their own prosperity and happiness.

Nor did he explain what America would do after she became master of the seas. What would we do? Go out and sacrifice a few million precious lives and a few billions in wealth, in order to lick some other country and subjugate her people, just to show them that we had won the armaments race and become masters of the seas?

Perhaps Mr. Reed would like to see the American people trained to drink a couple of quarts of blood before breakfast, eat two pounds of raw meat before noon, and go out and shoot up a few hospitals before dinner, just to keep on a war basis.—Oregon Journal.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT
This thought for Christmas and today, says the Oregonian: We are nearer now to the hills of Utopia than ever we were before. There is no retrogression. There is no vertigo that shall draw us into the abyss. There need never again be fear. Destiny has toiled so many ages, to us a bewildering period, that the little race of men might find itself and justify its soul—so many ages that she will not, dare not, strike the temple of her toil and scatter it in shreds. She is making ready for the consummation of eons, when the science of the spirit will function with the science of brain and brawn. There are portents that never gleamed before, visions that are near enough to touch. Be patient yet a while.

When Christmas walks with you today, know also that it walks with many millions of men, diverse and far apart, yet near in fellowship. This day is not as other days. It is the armistice to self, whereon, with the utmost good will one may give and take the greeting:
"Merry Christmas to you!"

HOW IT FIGURES OUT
The gasoline tax-figures of the fair enthusiasts have set our long-range calculator to work, especially the enthusiastic predictions that the fair visitors from outside the state would buy enough gasoline in Oregon for a cent a gallon tax on their purchases to amount to the needed three million dollars.

Let us see how that would work out. At a cent a gallon it would require three hundred million gallons of gasoline to produce three million dollars. Counting twenty miles' travel to the gallon, that three hundred million gallons would carry a car six billion miles. That is something over the average, but we taken an even number and by no means an impossible one for illustration.

Supposing now that each car that comes to Oregon on a trip to the fair travels 600 miles in the state. Some might cover more ground than that, but others wouldn't go nearly so far. To travel the six billion miles at 600 per there must then be ten million cars, which comes quite near the entire number of cars in the United States. With five people to the car these would bring into Oregon half the population of the United States. With three to the car, which would be nearer the average, they would bring only about a third of the people of the country.

But that distance—six billion miles—intrigues us. It would take twenty-four thousand round-trips to the moon to equal it; and, though the sun is so vastly farther away that it takes light darting through space at the rate of 176,000 miles a minute eight miles to reach us, thirty-odd round trips to the great source of our light and heat would be needed to run the speedometer up to the six billion mile notch.

WILSON'S VINDICATION SWIFT
The ratification of the four-power Pacific treaty, says the Springfield Republican, should alarm no one who favored the League of Nations. The fact that article 2 is now deemed necessary by our foremost Republican statesmen, for a reason best known to themselves, in the limited region of the Pacific, brings to the author of article 10, which was meant for the world, a vindication in its swiftness if not in its completeness almost without parallel.

HOW THEY WERE MISLED
The Portland Journal isn't the least bit befogged to what the people of the rest of the state think about

the proposed tax for a Portland Fair. It says:

"There is an underestimate in Portland of the up-state opposition to the exposition. In further considering plans it is vital to take a reckoning. A great many people in Oregon are for the exposition, provided somebody else is to pay for it. That was one of the mistakes when the big exposition conference was held at the Multnomah hotel. An unsound appraisal was given the Portland delegates by some of the delegates who came in from outside cities. It was then that an unfortunate change was made in the financial program.

"On the basis of a property tax, it is very doubtful if the exposition measure would have been approved if submitted. Men who think otherwise have not had the advantage of following the expressions in the up-state newspapers. They must have glimpsed something they had not seen before in the overwhelming opposition in the legislature to the property tax. Having seen that, it is vital now to be discreet and certain in future moves."

MARSHAL FOCH
In giving his impression of Marshal Foch in the American Legion Weekly J. E. Darst says:

"Above all he is a plain man, simple, unaffected, unspoiled. He is companionable, interesting and interested—a human being. The man who planned the defense of France smoked a cornob pipe and enjoyed it; this soldier who wrote the armistice terms, shaved himself with a steady hand and an old-fashioned straight-edged razor; this student of the art of war was also a close and canny student of every-day humanity. At a certain formal dinner after the armistice a foreign dignitary became overwhelmed with Foch's greatness and with the sparkling Burgundy. He persisted in leaving his place at the table and running up to the marshal to shake hands while he kept exclaiming, 'Marshal, you are great. Tell us how you did it.' Foch, smiling and imperturbable, finally answered the query. He lifted his glass of water, bowed to his bibulous admirer, and said, 'By drinking this, my friend.' That is Foch—alert, serene, ready, but kindly and tolerant.

"Newspapers made much of the marshal's purported statement that he would abstain from wine in deference to the law of our land. He did so abstain, but his aides declared that as a matter of fact the marshal seldom touches anything, even in France."

WHERE HE GOT OFF
To a friend who was talking of borrowing money at three per cent a month for six months, Peter Cooper said: "Why do you borrow for so short a time?" "Because the bankers will not give any longer time." "Well, if you wish, I will discount your note at that rate for 3 years." "Are you in earnest?" asked the young man. "Certainly, I will discount your note for \$10,000 for three years at that rate. Just sign this note written on your own terms and give me your check for \$800 and the transaction is complete." "But where is the money for me?" asked the anxious borrower. "You don't get any money because your interest for 36 months at three per cent a month amounts to 108 per cent of ten thousand or \$10,800. Therefore your check for \$800 makes us even until the end of three years when the note becomes due when you will pay back the ten thousand borrowed today." Thus does interest eat up profits.

DEATH RATE SLUMPS
The Department of Health for Hartford, Conn., shows the smallest death rate for September ever recorded in any month in the history of the city. The rate was 7.23 deaths for each 1,000. The following is a paragraph from this report:
The comparative figures on the effect of alcohol on deaths from special causes may be found from the following: For the five years previous to 1919 the average deaths from cirrhosis of the liver for the year were 17, and from alcoholism 18. In 1920 there were 4 deaths from cirrhosis of the liver, and 4 from alcohol, and in the first nine months of 1921 there were 4 deaths from cirrhosis of the liver and none from alcohol.

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