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Box shooks have felt the price reduction wave and an apple box will cost 20 cents next year instead of 25.

In New York City last Monday the Federal company reduced the wholesale price of sugar to 84 cents. It has got down to 12 here in Coquille, by the sack.

The offer of Elbert Dyer, of Bendon, to give away 200 acres of logged off land to actual settlers who will grow berries on it is eliciting inquiries from various parts of the country.

Miss Katherine Columbo, who was here for a short time as typist for the Dairyman's League, is now dividing her time between the offices of County Judge Wade and County Superintendent Mulkey.

The sugar refineries are selling their product practically as cheap on this coast as on the Atlantic. The price was \$8.50 at the refineries at San Francisco the first of the week. Nobody is buying in anticipation of a rise in price now, as was so often the case during the war and after its close.

In discussing the New Orleans milk strike last summer, Board's Dairyman says, "It proved that the 'eat plus' plan fails to work—that supply and demand set the price." It also says that when a city like New Orleans, with 400,000 inhabitants consuming only 18,000 gallons of milk a day or less than half a pint for each man, woman and child, milk needs advertising. The results of the publicity given the various war drives for funds in the newspapers, have convinced many a doubting Thomas that advertising pays.

Some of the democrats are feeling that they should have a party organ in Coos county. It is possible. Of all the papers in the county there is not one that gave the party unqualified support in the late election. However that is not the main need of the democratic party. What it needs as well as the republican party is to put candidates and tickets in the field that have the approval of the people. There are few newspapers any more that are so hidebound and partisan that they will not recognize unquestioned merit in a party's objective.—Myrtle Point American.

One would think that by this time the people in this state who believe in single tax would be convinced that a majority of the voters disagreed with them. The majority against it steadily grows greater and yet they persist in butting their heads against a stone wall that grows more solid with every attack. And we are gradually convincing the people of the country that unwise and unsafe propositions stand no more chance of being enacted into laws in this state than they do in other states. If a majority could be secured for any punk proposition put on the ballot, people with level heads would want to get out of the state; but when no such measure gets by, the fact of their submission does not injure our reputation for sanity with thinking people.

"The day will never come," says Secretary of the Navy Daniels in his annual report, "when a powerful fleet will not be based on the Pacific and it is essential that ample provisions be made not only for the Pacific fleet, but for the whole American fleet in its stated period of tactical exercises on the west coast."

Among the new Pacific coast projects now under consideration for which Congress has been or will be asked to provide funds are a deep water docking and repair base, a submarine base and other developments at San Francisco; an aviation base at Sand Point, King county, Washington; a submarine, destroyer and aviation base at Port Angeles, Washington; a submarine base at Los Angeles; a submarine and destroyer base at Astoria, Oregon,

and a submarine base at Portland, Oregon. In all these cases, the people of the Pacific coast are to be consulted.

## MINISTERS WEST WRONG

We were a good deal interested when we read in the press dispatches one day last week that a gathering of clergymen at Spokane had passed resolutions condemning the nation-wide appeal of Herbert Hoover for food for the three and a half million famished and starving children in Europe. They say that if these children are to be helped, "the government should do it." These preachers are mole-blind; "having eyes they see not." When Christ was on earth he said, "I was naked and ye clothed me; hungry and ye fed me." His disciples wondered at his words and said, "When saw we thee naked and clothed thee or an hungry and fed thee? He answered in those wonderful words, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these, ye have done it unto me.' He said nothing at all about letting Caesar do it—and Caesar was the government then.

It is not necessary to condemn these preachers; out of their own mouths they have condemned themselves. But one can hardly help thinking that they were afraid that by as much as the starving babies in Europe got more of the donations of the church people in this country, their own salaries would suffer.

If their resolutions were the outgrowth of any such sentiment, they appear to have been profoundly ignorant of psychology. The more a generous man, or a man enthusiastic for some great cause gives, the more he wants to give. That was illustrated millions of times among the American people, when they opened their purses for war charities. That it is "more blessed to give than to receive" every one who gives freely will testify. So those who contribute to the salvage of babyhood and childhood in Europe will be more likely to give freely for real religious work than if they had been niggardly in response to the great appeal that still comes from that stricken continent in behalf of those little children, "whose angels," Christ says, "do always behold the face of my father which is in heaven." We do not mean by this, however, that any of the blessed givers to this cause will be inclined to contribute freely to the support of such misfits as the clergymen, who adopted those tight-wad resolutions at Spokane. To go to them for anything uplifting or helpful would be "to seek the living among the dead," if not to cast pearls before swine.

## FEW WOMEN ELECTED

Women are allowed to vote all right in this country but when it comes to getting the offices the men are still sitting pretty tight. In Massachusetts elections for school officials Tuesday the women are said to have "fared poorly" and at Attleboro, where a woman was running for mayor, she received only 84 votes out of 5,000. Nor is it much better in the country at large. With about five hundred members of congress, nearly all of whom were elected last fall, one place only went to a woman; while with three or four thousand members of state legislatures women have won only 28 places, or about half a legislator to each state on the average. The newly enfranchised sex can't be expected to get a moiety of the offices in sight or perhaps not more than a small percentage of them but it certainly does deserve more than it is getting.

## OUR TURN NOW

The Harbor is exactly right in insisting that the state shall fulfill the promises made Coos county in the law approved by the people in 1917 and by the Highway Commission since as to the construction of the road to Roseburg. It says:

Coos Bay is a section where unfinished work is quite the fact. We have waded through mud all these years, helped the remainder of the state build their roads, gave way to projects here and there, and in every sense made good fellows of ourselves, without avail.

Senator Hall is asking for suggestions relative to legislation which may tend to benefit this senatorial district and the state in general. If there is a greater or more important project before the legislature than the adoption of plans that will lead to the immediate conclusion of the state road work in Coos county and leading to Coos county from Roseburg, we do not know of it.

On two occasions the delegations from Coos county gave way to the needs and demands of the remainder of the state, when it was within our grasp to either receive that which we demanded or block the other project. It is now high time that united effort was made to get this unfinished road work completed that we may enjoy the benefits our taxes have brought

to us. It is not that now in the time to get together and back Senator Hall in his fight for a just portion of the appropriations, and the sooner we do this the stronger will our demands be and the greater the effect it will have.

## WHAT IS NEEDED NOW

Business Chronicals  
 Spiritually bankrupt and financially insolvent.  
 That about expresses the condition of the world after its emotional debauch. Drunk on the wine of economic fallacies, the new day that was to usher in the glad era of no work wherein all men are brothers brings but a headache. Elijah's ravens have quit the job, and a befuddled and befuddled mankind is facing the distressing alternative of starving or going to work. The silk shirt period has passed, and no longer is the fatted calf being killed for returning prodigals who strut and fume and complain of the service. People who bought flippers and forgot to pay the grocer are lambasting the government, or the capitalists, or whatnot, but they haven't yet had to walk far enough or go hungry enough to be brought to a realization that their trouble lies largely within themselves. The wrong viewpoint. Too much listening to the mischief makers who were educated in a lop-sided way and who look with disfavor upon the general scheme of things as it was laid out by the Almighty. Too much jazz, and too little prayer; a full belly, and an empty head.

What a sick world needs just now is an old fashioned religious revival and a baptism of pentecostal fire. A little more regard for the sacredness of contract, and then a lot of self-denial and intelligent expenditure of both time and money.

## SCHOOL TAXES VERY UNEQUAL

It seems that the 2 per cent state tax for grade schools in this state, which was approved at the primaries last May does not do all that was hoped of it, though it has no doubt kept many schools going that would otherwise have been closed. It is in practice simply a 2 per cent county tax on the properties in each county for the benefit of the schools of that county. No money raised in any county is spent in any other county. So it happens that in some counties that 2-mill tax produces as much as \$600 per teacher in the public schools, while in some others it produces little more than \$100.

It would be far better for the cause of education in the state as a whole if the 2-mill tax were apportioned on a more uniform basis and the same amount paid for the average daily attendance of pupils in all the schools. This is not a new thought with the editor. In an eastern state, he labored both in the press and in the legislature to do away with pet districts and pet schools where taxation for schools was practically eliminated in some districts and in others became a serious burden if the schools were to be kept running. It is not in productive industry alone that co-operation is needed. We ought all to be willing to help bear each other's burdens in education as well as in growing raisins or in producing butter and cheese.

## LIMIT UP NOT DOWN

The Harbor published last week the same appeal for funds to the people to make up the deficit in republican campaign funds that appeared in the Sentinel, but accompanied by the following editorial comment:

"The Harbor publishes in plate form an appeal to the people for funds to finance the committee, there being a deficit of \$1,500,000. It is urged that those who are financially able send their checks for \$1,000. Small checks are not solicited, so it is taken that the treasurer will not be burdened with remittances from this section."

Both the letter and spirit of Chairman Hayes' appeal seem to have been misapprehended by the Harbor. The limit upward was \$1,000; there is no limit in the other direction. And because no one was asked to give more than a thousand, the campaign for subscriptions was a popular one and the Harding administration will start un-mortgaged to the big financial interests. In respect to campaign contributions the republican party now stands on a higher plane than ever before, and will we hope maintain its independence of "big business."

## Herd of Mountain Sheep

Although mountain sheep have been declared extinct in western Oregon for many years a herd of from 17 to 20 of these animals has been discovered in southwestern Douglas county by W. H. Dirret, of Albany. The discovery was made in November, says the Portland Journal.

...the moonshiner of today operates not in the hills or the open country, but in cellars, in hidden houses, in all sorts of underground places; and all he knows about making whiskey is comprised in the recipe somebody has given him. He uses any water he can get, and any materials—the cheaper the better. All he wants is to get a distillation. He uses nothing for process. In almost every case the circumstances compel him to work with a low steam pressure. The steam moves slowly through the worm. Consequently every impurity remains, especially the vodka that forms within the copper worms. Then, too, there is a maximum of fuel oil and all other deleterious components of raw distilled spirit sawly distilled from indifferant materials. The result is a compound that is about as poisonous as it can be without being actually arsenical.

This is the stuff that is retailed everywhere in this county by bootleggers of all sorts and conditions. In its way it is the stuff that the home-brew housewife tries to make in her domestic violations of the law, but that is a minor thing, albeit stills for house use can be bought in many places, as can apparatus for all sorts of home-brewing, and never a person but has his pet formula. In a Western city a few days ago I saw one entire store window filled with bottling, corking and brewing apparatus of all sorts openly for sale, and basic compounds for these home messes are obtainable anywhere. That stuff will soon be of the past. It isn't good enough to warrant the trouble taken to make it.

Commercial moonshine is not sold as such. It is sold under the pretense of being real whiskey. It is sold in refilled bottles, with forged labels and counterfeited government stamps. It looks like whiskey, but it isn't. It is poison, terrible death-dealing poison. Any drinking friend of your acquaintance who has not access to a stock of real whiskey will tell you of effects, ranging from death and blindness to coma and sickness, that have come from the drinking of this stuff. It is most in evidence in the cities, and the makers and purveyors of it are almost invariably foreigners—aliens—who made haste to utilize this avenue for quick money. Not long ago the officials seized a great case of forged labels on the lower East Side of New York. They were labels of good brands of whiskey that were sold before prohibition. They were intended for bottles of moonshine, and were only a fraction of those in use in New York.

So it is over the country. Not only that, but bottles of real whiskey are emptied by steaming of stamps over corks or by boring holes in the bottoms and refilled with this stuff, and sold as of the original quality. The amount of money that has been paid for this bogus and baleful whiskey in this country since last January is enormous. The number of deaths it has caused cannot be computed, but it is large. I know of seven myself. The cases of blindness are frequent, and the men who took a couple of drinks of it and became violently ill are to be found in almost every block.

This stuff, when faked in bottles and with forged labels and counterfeited stamps, sells for about the same price as real whiskey, because nobody with money enough to pay three or four dollars a bottle for it would buy it otherwise. It is sold for what it is—hooch—to those who won't or can't pay the allged whiskey price; and that accounts for a good many police items in the papers. If it doesn't make the drinker sick it surely will make him crazy. The man who thinks he is buying real whiskey because the bottle and label and the stamps look right is being cheated seven times out of ten, probably nine times, and there have been hundreds of tragedies as a consequence—thousands of them.

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The Bendon World records the passing of Mrs. Jane Hamblcock, one of the early settlers on the lower river, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Barrows, at Bullards, at the advanced age of 80 years.

A Lebanon moonshiner, Zeno Hansard, who was given his choice between paying a \$300 fine and serving 150 days in the Albany jail, said he would prefer to spend the winter in the Linn county bastle.

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