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The Poindexters, the Borahs, the Vandermans and the Reeds will do well to wait until they hear from the home people before they place their hind feet too far outside the traces when discussing the League of Nations.

As evidence of the intelligence and thrift of the class of new people who are locating here lately, we merely mention the fact that many of them are coming in and having their names enrolled on the Graphic subscription on list.

"Military Party in Germany Enraged," so the newspaper headlines read. Well, the military party in Germany was mad—war mad—in 1914, and that is what brought all this trouble, not on Germany alone, but on nearly the whole world. They sowed to the wind and they are now reaping the whirlwind.

If the Wells Fargo Express Co. wants to hold its own in competition with the motor truck service operating between Portland and Newberg, it will do well to move a bit livelier in the Portland office. It is seldom the Graphic receives an express package the same day it is turned over to the company.

In a number of instances affidavits have been sent from Newberg to the War Department at Washington with requests for the discharge of young men from the army, in order that they may return home, some to assist their fathers with farm work and others to renew their studies in school, but without any results up to the present time.

The efficiency of each biennial session of the legislature is lowered about fifty per cent by reason of the fact that the principal spouters in both houses imagine that they are paying the way to their election to the office of governor of the state, or to a seat in the United States Senate. Thinking people, however, are much more accurate in taking the measure of these fellows than they imagine.

There is plenty of time for the weather man to do a lot of things before we settle down to good old summertime, but the lack of snow in the mountains is taken by many to be a forecast of another dry season for the Willamette Valley. The last two seasons were exceedingly dry and should the coming season be short of moisture the "unusual" will be checked up against the Valley for sure.

By the mouth of many witnesses the truth will often be established. E. R. Garner, formerly of the Springbrook neighborhood, now living at Ida Grove, Iowa, writes, in sending a subscription renewal: "I have been telling it behind your back and perhaps I should say it to your face, I consider the Graphic the best edited county paper I have ever read." A local reader says the "Wanted and For Sale" column in the Graphic is worth the price of subscription—and there are others.

If every big community center in the country could have such a clear, logical outline given of the League of Nations, as the one delivered by Ex-President Wm. Howard Taft at the Auditorium in Portland on last Monday, the opposition in Congress would be swept away by an avalanche of public opinion that would be irresistible. Mr. Taft was so fair in his statements and so convincing in his argument that he won the hearty plaudits of everybody, regardless of party affiliations.

Since it is apparent that the Oregon Electric has no intention of putting the track laid on First street to use at any time in the near future, it has been suggested that the company ought to be required to cover the track with some sort of paving material, which seems reasonable. It would not be a very expensive proposition to cover the rails and the brick paving between the rails and on the sides with an asphalt coating that would make it much easier to keep the street clean. The fact that the Oregon Electric came into this territory with preliminary work operated greatly to our advantage by way of spurring up the long-time sleepy old Southern Pacific to get a move on and electrify their west side lines, and

consequently Newberg lost nothing in giving the Oregon Electric a right of way for a track on First street, but now, since nothing further is promised for some time to come, at least, the company cannot reasonably object to making the improvements suggested and we believe it will be the policy of the company to do the fair thing if the matter is properly presented to the officials.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO WIN

It's up to you to prove to the people that you're above the average.

It is possible that just plodding along, faithfully doing what you're given to do, will finally land you where you belong—although it may take a long time, says the Richmond (Ind.) Item.

But if you actually have more than ordinary ability you will have plenty of chances to prove it—and thus get there sooner.

It's important to strike for a thing at the right time. Just now is one of the best times in history for the man who has more than average ability to get to the front. The country is waiting for men and women of genius.

It's important to learn how to sell yourself. This requires a carefully worked-out plan of campaign. The method of approach, of stating your proposition, of presenting your arguments, and of clinching your case, should be given the minutest attention and study.

It's important to counsel with your friends—who, with you, will form a "board of strategy"—but don't be over-persuaded by their opinions. Listen to them. Talk frankly with them. And then go to it, as though everything depended upon yourself.

If you're going to win, you'll have to prove it, in most cases not only that you are capable of handling the big job, but that you are capable of landing it.

ECONOMY AS A POLITICAL ISSUE

Government economy is always considered a timely and appropriate issue for candidates to dwell upon. It has won many elections, says the Oregon City Courier. Politicians never look more honest, sincere and straightforward than when they denounce their spendthrift opponents, and promise retrenchment. Some of our aspirants for office talk so much about economy that they really believe what they say. But sometimes the economists, on being elected, immediately proceed to vote for larger appropriations.

It is one thing to promise economy, and mean it, too, in the jolly informality and enthusiasm of a political meeting. But quite another to fulfill the pledge after you get into office, and are up against customs, traditions, and the clamor of conflicting interests.

Your constituents probably expect you to get some favors for their district. But in spite of the splendid merits of these propositions, you find other legislators singularly blind and indifferent to the same, unless you come across for their favorite projects. Then at once they see new light. But the total appropriation makes your economy promises look like the traditional thirty cents.

The candidate who pledges economy may not realize how badly public funds are needed for modern projects essential to community progress. It used to be easier to get millions to fight hog cholera than a few thousands for protective work for children. The cholera appropriation was perfectly good. But our statesmen were slow to see how the nation was crippled by failure to protect children. They wasted so much on unsystematic methods that the treasury is bare when there is need for funds for community up-building.

The old line politicians fritter away money on inefficient government, and economize by shutting down on modern welfare projects. There'll be slow community advance until there is business government.

"PEACEFUL PENETRATION"

In these days of advanced industrialism any nation well supplied with capital and the machinery of production can manufacture a great deal more than its own population can use, says the Youth's Companion. Moreover, if its own industries are to be prosperous and its own people well paid, it must manufacture such a surplus and succeed in selling it to other nations less well organized. That is why modern diplomacy tends to become less political and more economic in its character; that is why a nation uses its economic strength to achieve its political ends and its political skill to increase its economic opportunities.

There are serious dangers inherent in the situation. The stronger and richer nations can retard or even destroy the economic progress

and prosperity of their smaller and weaker neighbors, and by undermining the financial and industrial independence of those neighbors they can even accomplish their political downfall and conquer them. On the other hand, if all nations attain the degree of industrial organization reached by the larger nations of the world, an era of continual over-production, with all its attendant evils, will follow.

The first danger is the more immediate, for the war has so far impoverished all the European nations that there will be every temptation for them to improve their economic position by pressing their products upon nations that are not equipped to resist their economic campaign. A League of Nations, if it were successfully organized, would do much to prevent the more powerful nations from exploiting their weaker neighbors. If no league is formed, we shall have to trust to the moderation and the sense of justice of the Allied statesmen.

Fortunately, we need not fear that they will ever permit their governments to enter on so carefully planned, so coldly calculating, an economic policy as that which Germany pursued for some years before the war. There we saw the evils of "peaceful penetration" at their worst. The article by Mr. Thayer on another page of the Companion describes the shrewd, conscienceless way in which the politicians, the diplomats, the merchants and the manufacturers of Germany worked to make first Italy and then France the economic vassal of Germany. It was the resentment that their conduct awoke in Italy that, as the war proceeded, made that country, an ally of Germany before the war, first a neutral, then an enemy. The whole world may profit by the example that Germany affords. The "peaceful penetration" of a neighboring state, whether friend or rival, is inevitably hostile; it belongs, not at all to the tactics of peace, but to the tactics of war. Let us hope that the world is to see no more of it in the years that are to come.

TOUCHED MEN IN RIGHT SPOT

Y. M. C. A. Camp Secretary Knew the Feeling of Soldiers Gathered to Subdue Bloodthirsty Hun.

War's changes are being shown in greater degree in the Y. M. C. A. activity, remarks the New York Sun. The psalm-singing official has passed. In his place is the athletic director and entertainer, of red blood. No better example of the metamorphosis could have been had than in an incident not long ago at Camp Mills, the great Long Island concentration camp where the men were equipped just before sailing.

One of the old-style officials was holding a meeting and was expatiating at length on the care the men should take of their souls. His audience, already partly homesick after months of training, was restless and grew glummer and glummer.

The camp secretary watched with dismay the effect the speaker was having on the soldiers about to sail. The climax came when the parson, after a final appeal to the men to face death bravely, said:

"We will now sing 'Ring the Bells of Heaven.'"

That was too much for the local camp man and he jumped to his feet, holding up his hand to the man at the piano to stop. Then he shouted:

"Boys, before we sing this 'Ring the Bells of Heaven' don't let us forget that first we must 'Ring the Kaiser's damned neck.'"

The shout that went up broke up the abashed parson's meeting and "Ring the Bells of Heaven" was indefinitely postponed.

MODEL ON AMERICAN CLUBS

France Considering Adoption of Our Methods of Teaching Farming to Boys and Girls.

France is considering the adoption of Uncle Sam's methods of teaching better farming and home making to boys and girls. Representatives from the French high commission, lately in this country, made a point of studying carefully the methods of the federal department of agriculture and the state agricultural colleges in conducting boys' and girls' clubs. Much of the information thus collected has been widely reprinted by the French press, accompanied by editorial comment expressing the view that the man or woman power of France having been depleted or disorganized by war service, France for some time to come will be dependent in large part upon its younger population for its food supply and suggesting the formation in France of a nation-wide system of boys' and girls' clubs patterned on those in America. It is expected that these clubs will grow staple products—garden produce, wool, farm grain and forage crops, poultry and farm animals on farms not devastated, the very soil of which must first of all be put in condition. They will stimulate production by the young people of France through organized contests not only in farming but in home enterprises such as bread making, garment making, cooking and home management.

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Italian Savants' Discovery, if True, Will Have Earned Them the Gratitude of Mankind.

The reviews of medicine and veterinary surgery speak of important researches looking to the cure of glanders, which afflicts horses and may also attack man, who almost invariably succumbs.

At the beginning of the war the spread of glanders, especially among the quadrupeds of the Third Italian army, suggested to Colonel Commanding Dr. E. Bertetti, director of the veterinary service of the army, the idea of utilizing the victims of glanders in making experiments in regard to its curability.

Obtaining permission of the war ministry and the supreme command of the army, the experiments were begun at Casale in a sanitarium rigorously quarantined and equipped with all the latest scientific and surgical appliances.

Dr. Guido Finzi, head of the Institute of Pathology and Medical Clinics of the Superior Veterinary School of Turin, assisted Doctor Bertetti. After two years they announced that glanders was curable, not only in its chronic stages but also in its process of evolution.

The importance of the discovery and the evidence of the results obtained led the two experimenters to ask for a commission to make practical tests of their discoveries. The results fully confirmed the facts announced by Doctors Bertetti and Finzi.

PUT HYPNOTISM TO GOOD USE

Australian Physicist Announces That He Has Cured War Stammering by Its Employment.

Writing in the Medical Journal of Australia, Dr. Clarence G. Godfrey states that during the past two years a number of cases have been referred to him for treatment by hypnotic suggestion, in which stammering or stuttering had developed, or had been revived, after years of disappearance, as the result of shell shock or of various war stresses. Sometimes a hypnotized patient has been told to keep on repeating some well-known nursery rhyme and not to cease at the signal to awake, although in the middle of the rhyme, but to keep on talking. He will usually manifest his astonishment at finding himself talking without difficulty. Sometimes a patient will converse on waking without realizing that his stammering has disappeared until his attention is drawn to it with amusing effect. In one case the patient spoke perfectly in sleep at the first attempt to hypnotize him, although he had had a very bad stammer for eight months past.

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It has been noticed that every case treated, even the worst, has been able to speak far better in the hypnotic state than out of it.

Little-Known Hero.

Of the many stories of heroism during the war on which official records are silent but which are being brought forth with relaxation of the censorship is that of Captain Larcombe of the antiaircraft defenses of the London (Eng.) district. His job for four years has been to find and dispose of German aerial bombs that failed to explode when dropped on London.

After each air raid, and in the early part of the war there were many, Larcombe and his men would go about the city seeking the "duds." It was dangerous work extracting them from wherever they happened to drop, transporting them out of the city and exploding or otherwise destroying them. During the excitement after a raid few people thought of the bombs that failed to "go off," but all of them have ceased to be a menace to the city.

Aristocrats in Gutter.

We hear rumors of grand dukes and other members of the old nobility of Russia driving cabs and peddling boot-laces in Petrograd. This is no new thing in Europe. In England the descendants of the great Plantagenets have been found in very lowly occupations. A few years ago a lawsuit proved that a genuine Bourbon was then hawking vegetables in the streets of Paris. A few years earlier a son of a cousin of Empress Josephine, Napoleon's first love, was sent to prison for petty larceny. In 1892 the Marquis DeFoligne was an omnibus conductor; the Comte de la Marche was a house painter; the Marquis DeForcey d'Etallinde kept a small inn at Carnac, and the Marquis d'Hauteroche, a descendant of the nobleman who, at the battle of Fontenoy, called out to the English: "Tirez les premiers," was a



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