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With Armenians and Syrians actually starving to death by the hundreds it seems that the drive for the Roosevelt memorial might have waited.

Oregon has been in the dry list for some time and possibly this fact may have caused King Albert to pass up Oregon for California where the wine still flows.

The steady improvement, though slow, that President Wilson is showing is encouraging and the hope is general with all good citizens that he may continue to improve and soon be able to again assume the active duties of the office.

We read much about collective bargaining in the discussion of world affairs these days, but the anxious mother with clothing and school books to buy for a half dozen or more hopefuls must use her wits in the closest of "domestic" bargaining in order to make the purse hold out.

Billy Sullivan has the thanks of this office for a box of fine Spitsburg apples that are as red as the red, red rose. The fine crop Mr. Sullivan is harvesting in his White Sox orchard proves beyond a doubt that apples of this variety can be successfully grown on the rolling land of West Chehalis.

Occasionally we hear ministers of the gospel who pride themselves on what they term "orthodoxy" take a whack at education as though it were a mark of wisdom on their part, but we have noticed that almost any kind of a public speaker can assume the role of knocker and imagine he is making a hit.

Marriage is a failure—in some instances. A Portland woman who has tried it the second time with the same man says it won't work. And, speaking of divorce, Attorney B. F. Mulkey, who was out from Portland recently, remarked that he had seventeen divorce cases on the waiting list. And again, speaking of marriage and divorce, we think the price for tying the knot ought to be raised to a scale more nearly averaging with the fee charged by the attorney for untying it.

The "Wanted and For Sale" columns of the Graphic are growing in popularity with buyers and sellers. Last week there were seventy-seven different notices in these columns, which outdistances any of our exchanges so far as we have observed. In the matter of display advertising, the News-Times, of Forest Grove, carries more than any other weekly paper published in the Willamette Valley, practically all the business firms of Forest Grove being represented in its columns.

And now comes the Whitman College officials away over at Walla Walla, Washington, asking for the weekly publication of free propaganda for the school, along with the sundry and numerous other propositions of a like character that flood the Graphic mail box day after day. Please take notice, all, that the price of white news is quoted at seven and a quarter cents a pound; that the dealers say it is likely to go higher, and then proceed to figure up about how much free stuff a newspaper publisher can afford to use.

The Graphic has long believed that the parole and pardon system for confirmed criminals has been overworked in Oregon, and the number of brutal murders that have been committed in the state in recent years by men out on parole confirms the belief. In some instances men who have ranked as good citizens have, when in a fit of passion or under extreme provocation, committed murder, and in such cases a parole is often justified and advisable, but in these blood curdling, premeditated cases of murder, when the accused has had a fair trial and has been clearly proven guilty, society has a right to protection from possible future crimes at their hands and such as these should be kept in confinement. A case in mind is Johnson, the man who has recently confessed, with an air of unconcern, that he murdered in cold blood, Mrs. Eunice W. Freeman at her

home in Portland in August—the woman who befriended him by securing his parole from San Quentin prison, California, where he had been sent for killing his sweetheart. While Johnson was paroled from another state's prison, we have numbers of similar instances in Oregon, Chamberlain and West, both, while holding the office of governor, respectively, turning many men of the Johnson type loose on society.

During the Civil War when sugar became scarce and high priced the growing of sorghum for molasses became general throughout the corn growing states of the North and it was kept up for many years thereafter, but of late years farmers have been too busy making money growing corn and hogs to bother with sorghum and little is now grown, though it makes a better grade of molasses than usually can be bought in the markets. With no outlook for relief from the shortage of sugar for a year or more the revival of sorghum growing ought to be taken up again in order to supply sweets that are necessary. Sorghum has been grown successfully in Southern Oregon and since corn is now grown with a good degree of success in the Willamette Valley, doubtless the quick maturing varieties of sorghum might be grown here.

SOME TIMELY SUGGESTIONS

A trip, over the Columbia river highway on Sunday, or in fact, any holiday, leaves the impression that the greatest need now is for better parking and lunching places, says the Oregon Journal. Present facilities are manifestly inadequate, especially if the day is misty. The highway is more than a passage for traffic. In reality it is an immense park and its full development demands that it be improved with this conception of it always in view.

A start has been made by the United States forest service at Eagle creek in the way of providing recreation grounds, but the capacity of these grounds has been reached. There are other areas which could be fitted up with parking grounds, comfort stations and other adjuncts along the way.

One of the favored spots on the highway is Multnomah Falls. Here is a peculiar condition. The railroad company has an easement of 20 acres for depot purposes. It takes in practically all the level ground. The matter of better accommodations for the public is under the control of the railroad. If the company is unable to provide proper facilities, it has been suggested that it relinquish to the fed-

eral government sufficient land for the purpose.

In other places private ownership obtains and the ground can only be acquired by gift, purchase or condemnation.

It is not proposed that the highway be converted into a park all at once, but that preliminary steps be taken to acquire complete control and to work out some general plan of improvement to be carried into execution in the years ahead.

In the natural growth of things, private enterprise will spring up along the highway and in a few years, when the public demand for better facilities cannot be resisted, the price to pay will be much heavier than it would be now.

In addition there is the certainty gained from experience that unless public control of a reasonable amount of ground is secured, presently at every point multiplied signs like this will greet the passing caravan. "Private property; keep off." Then there will be nothing to do but move on.

LIVING FROM HAND TO MOUTH

The following article taken from the Rockville, Indiana, Republican is commended for a careful reading:

In every small town and village in our broad land may be found young men who live in a hand to mouth fashion—that is, they spend all they make and too many of them are not careful to make all they can. They get their bed and board at home with their parents and what they receive for their labors they spend off clothing and mild dissipation, if nothing worse, which is too often true. Quote to them Ben Franklin's old proverb, "A penny saved is a penny earned," and they probably would laugh you to scorn. Huh! a penny! 'Tis a small sum, indeed, but 100 pennies make a "big iron man"—slang sometimes used for a dollar. And at this hour, whether good or bad, depending on the way you look at it, there are ways—war savings stamps, for instance—to put even a dollar at work earning something more than its keep. The boy who saves his dollars instead of wasting them will surely find good use for them in a few years. Nobody likes a "tightwad" but we Americans have become so afraid of that and similar terms that we have gone to the far extreme and become the greatest wasters and spenders on the face of the earth. Were Diogenes to return to earth today and visit America I fear he would have as hard a time finding a frugal man as he did in his search for an honest man among the ancient Greeks. The idea now-a-days is to save nothing. Whoopla! Keep it going, pass it

HARRISON'S DAUGHTER PRACTICES LAW



Miss Elizabeth Harrison, daughter of former President Harrison, has been admitted to the bar in Indiana for practice in both county and state courts. She studied law and graduated from the New York university at the age of 22 years.

along, makes business you know! But it is not foolish to practice thrift. It is a good lesson to learn and it will be particularly difficult for Americans to learn, but there never was a period in our history when it was more necessary than today and in all probability it will become more so in the next few years for, brethren, it needs no great prophetic vision to see that there are breakers ahead. Some statistics recently published by the Bankers Association are worth consideration. Study of the careers of 100 ordinary men show that at 70 years of age only 5 per cent have saved money or property for old age and their children. At 55 of the original 100 men whose life story was traced from their 22nd year, 20 have died and only 1 of the remaining 80 is wealthy; three are in good circumstances; 46 are without means but self supporting; 30 are dependent on children or charity. A few years later the critical period of these men's lives is reached. Between the ages of 70 and 75, 65 out



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of the original 100 are dead. Only three of the 65 left any estate. Thirty-four of the remainder are dependents. Does anyone think a far larger proportion of these men might not have accumulated enough in rich America to have provided sufficiently for his old age had he been thrifter in his younger manhood? If the habit of careful spending is not developed in youth the chances are largely against its ever being learned. The education of no child can be considered complete if lessons of economy and thrift have not been properly insisted upon and inculcated. Many parents cannot do this for they themselves never learned it and never practice it—in this respect they cannot set good examples for their offspring

to follow. In the course of time the nation may devise some plan of old age pensions whereby men will be obliged to lay aside a portion of their earnings in their days of earning, to be applied towards raising the pension fund. That would be a form of socialism and this country is not yet ready for socialism whatever it may possibly do in the future. Individual thrift, therefore, is the lesson that should now be taught the young by precept and example—not that they may become rich but that they may provide for the days of non-production before the long night of oblivion approacheth.

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