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A POPULAR MOVE

Every good American will rejoice that President Harding has taken matters in hand looking toward the final disarmament of the world. The President, assisted by his secretary of state, has started a movement which is receiving the hearty commendation not only of Americans everywhere, but also of the people of other nations. The burden of maintaining a huge army and an immense navy has rested heavily upon the taxpaying public and they have been groaning beneath its weight of oppression for years. President Harding and Secretary Hughes have taken up the proposition in statesmanlike manner and their plan seems to be meeting with almost unanimous approval. The plan offered by the nation's high officials is one, which if carried out, will make the United States the leaders of the world, not by force or aggression, but by precept and principle. It does not seek to embroil us in an entanglement which would compel acquiescence with wrong or embroil us in internal turmoil, but it makes possible the disarmament of the world upon a safe basis.

Far better is it for America to enter a compact which is based upon American ideals and principles and one which will lead us along the lines laid down by our forefathers in our constitution and one in perfect accord with our national ideals and principles as shown in the history of our country, than for us to have allowed ourselves to become entangled in a league which was based upon European standards and ideas and which made necessary the maintaining of an armed force to insure the carrying out of its provisions and by whose mandates we were compelled to subscribe to wrongs and protect countries who were oppressing their own colonial possessions.

No true American could conscientiously subscribe to the former League of Nations with all that it involved; every true American may embrace the doctrines laid down in the president's new proposal. And better perhaps than this is the fact that the nations of the world, quick to realize the import of this new move are already congratulating us upon our leadership in this new disarmament proposal. A proposal which guarantees to them national integrity and without thought of aggression. Strange though it may

seem, England heartily indorses this new move and yet it is not difficult to analyze and understand this endorsement. Realizing that the commerce and the important transactions of the future will be from the Pacific basin, with China and Japan as the great source of both possible trade and possible trouble, she is anxious to cooperate in any move which shall enable her to stand right in the sight of these people. She has long ago come to a full realization of the futile hope of doing anything through the League of Nations without the support of the United States and she welcomes this new move because it offers an opportunity to bring the United States into an alliance whereby she may save her face before the Asiatic peoples and at the same time appease her own people, who are demanding a disarmament.

Uncle Sam has always shown himself the friend of the oppressed and so will it be in the future. He will stand for the rights of the small nations and the weak nations. China has already learned that she can rely upon him to do the right thing by her, and she is therefore more ready to follow our leadership than she would be the leadership of any of those countries who profited by her misfortunes during the Boxer uprisings. It is not unthinkable that the international conference proposed by President Harding should be held in the United States as he suggests. It is right and proper that it should be. There is no reason why so important a country as this should not receive the recognition which comes from the holding of this conference here.

Ever since his election to the presidency, Mr. Harding has shown that he is the exact antithesis of former President Wilson. He did not rush headlong and uncounseled into an arrangement with European countries and endeavor by sheer force of personality to make the people accept his view. Rather, although he realized the extreme peril in delay and the sacrifices which it would entail, he has delayed action until he could confer with the leaders of the country and the men best posted on international relations and then has gradually evolved a plan which has met with almost instantaneous approval at home and abroad. Under such leadership our country stands a splendid chance to regain its lost place among the great nations of the earth. All credit is due to the man who was big enough and broad enough to realize that he was not equal to the formulation of any plan by himself, but he must counsel with and accept ideas from the other great men of the country irrespective of party or creed.

BUILDING ON INCREASE

One of the most encouraging features of the business outlook is the resumption of building activity. Statistics from the country at large show more building in progress than for years.

Contracts awarded in 26 north-

eastern states for April totaled more than a quarter of a billion dollars, the largest on record for an April, and an increase of 4 per cent over March. In some sections the increase reached 71 per cent and all sections report gains over previous months.

Residential construction leads all other building, as the nation is short over 1,500,000 homes as a result of retarded construction during the war. Slightly lower wage scales and cheaper lumber have acted as a stimulant to building, but there must be still further readjustment in prices before there will be a real building boom.

Building, in addition to affording employment to thousands of men in the building and allied trades, stimulates many other industries, makes business for railroads and augments the purchasing power of the country and demand for commodities.

CHAOS WOULD RESULT

The public schools take a vacation of three months every year and nothing happens.

The police force and fire department go on their annual picnics and balls and things run along as usual.

The city isn't improved over long periods, or the public library may close or the public parks allowed to go to ruin and the public isn't injured.

But let the electric lights go out for a few hours and there is actual suffering and much crime. Let the water works stop and soon there are parched tongues and diseases. Let the telephone suspend and there is chaos and loss of business. Let transportation in a city stop and thousands are thrown out of work and the hardship is intense. Turn out the gas and we go back fifty years in our civilization. Well sustained public utilities mean a happy and prosperous community. They pay taxes while politicians increase tax burdens.

There is a call for a Yamhill county exhibit at the state fair at Salem, but this paper, in spite of the knowledge that it may be called narrow for so doing, takes the stand that we should capitalize our splendid advertising advantage by entering an exhibit under the name of the Berrians. Should an exhibit be placed at the state fair, the greater portion of the display would probably come from the territory surrounding Newberg and from the backers of the Berrians. And yet if entered under the Yamhill county name, we would derive practically no advertising value from it, compared to what we should derive if placed under the name of the Berrians. The Graphic would like to have the opinions of others on this subject. What do you think?

It is so much easier to criticize than to perform, that we pity the fellow who always stands around criticizing what others do and never does anything himself. We admire the fellow who tries. He may make mistakes and he will. But at least he is going to accomplish something in life. "The fellow who has never made a mistake has never done anything. To which class do you belong? Think of this the next time that you are inclined to criticize someone for what they are doing.

We saw a little card in the First National Bank the other day, which made quite an impression upon us. It said, "There are no hard times coming. It is merely the soft times going." There's a world of truth in that. It does not behoove us to set down and pine over hard times for in reality times are only hard in comparison with what they were under the abnormal conditions brought about by a great war.

Sunday's Oregonian gave Newberg a splendid boost with two illustrated articles—one on the berry festival and one by J. Addison Bennett on the city and surrounding country in general.

The farmers suffered a cut of about 66 per cent in their income, so naturally, they think the rail employees should be willing to take a cut of 10 to 15 per cent.

Do you think that the Berrians ought to quit now? What are you doing to encourage them to go on?

Did you take home a crate?

—A word to you, sonny—you little twelve or thirteen-year-old boy who is smoking cigarettes on the sly. What do you want to be when you grow up—a stalwart, healthy, vigorous, broad-shouldered man, or a little, puny, measly no-count, weak minded dude? If you want to be a man, strong like a man, with hair on your face, brains in your head and muscles in your limbs, you just let those cigarettes alone. If you want to be a thing, pitted by your folks, despised by the girls and held in contempt by the fellows, keep right on smoking and end your days in the insane asylum.—Forest Grove News-Times.

Speaking of independence, did it ever occur to you that everybody in the world depends upon somebody else?

ELECTRIC TRAIN SCHEDULE

The following is the time of electric train arrivals at the city ticket office at Newberg:

To Portland	From Portland
6:06 a. m.	9:03 a. m.
9:50 a. m.	11:32 a. m.
1:15 p. m.	2:20 p. m.
4:06 p. m.	5:36 p. m.
7:04 p. m.	8:56 p. m.
2:50 a. m. Sunday only	12:45 a. m.

Portland-Newberg Motor Bus Schedule Effective August 15, 1919

Subject to change without notice.	Leave Portland	Leave Newberg
4th and Alder	Imperial Hotel	
8:30 a. m.	8:00 a. m.	
9:30 a. m.	10:00 a. m.	
11:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.	
1:00 p. m.	1:00 p. m.	
2:30 p. m.	2:45 p. m.	
4:15 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	
5:30 p. m.		
6:30 p. m.	6:30 p. m.	

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