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HOLD YOUR BONDS.

Hold your Liberty bonds and War Savings certificates. Hold them first, because they are the best investment in the world, backed by every resource in the United States, is the appeal of Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo, as sent to Twelfth federal reserve district Liberty loan headquarters.

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"Hold them because the time may come when such an investment will prove to be a true friend in time of need, a guaranty against the fear of debt and insurance against real hardships.

"Hold them because the need for saving is not over. Government expenses are today larger than at any time during the war. Our boys in France and Germany must be paid and fed and clothed, and, when their work is over, transported home. THEY HAVE NOT QUIT. WHY SHOULD YOU?"

"Hold your Liberty bonds instead of exchanging them for some other so-called 'security' because you know the security of your United States bond and cannot often know the worth of what is offered in exchange. The 'Get Rich Quick' crook is ready to steal your bonds from you at the first opportunity.

"Hold them because of the interest they pay. Hold them because it is good business to do so. What good will the idle pleasure of needless luxury bought today with the proceeds of your bonds be to you a year from now? Your bond works for you, drawing interest day and night, week days and Sundays.

"HOLD YOUR BONDS. DON'T BE A QUITTER; BE A PATRIOT."

A CITY MANAGER.

The suggestion made by Councilman Edwards at yesterday's Commercial club meeting that Bend might well consider adopting the city manager plan is worth going into seriously. The same idea occurred to The Bulletin several months ago and at the time we obtained copies of the La Grande charter and a statement from the manager of that city describing the working of the plan. Because everybody's attention was absorbed by war activities it did not seem then a propitious time in which to take the matter up. Now that the war is over, however, and problems of reconstruction are before us, Bend might well study the idea with a view to profiting by the experience of other cities. Anything we can do to make Bend a better place to live in, whether by creating more business, improving our schools, making our city government more efficient, or in any other way, ought to commend our thought.

It was not in disparagement of the present, nor of the incoming, city administration that Mr. Edwards made his suggestion, and we are sure. He merely recognized the fact that for the best results you must be willing to pay money and that well intentioned as any mayor and six councilmen may be they cannot attend to their own business and carry on the affairs of a city of the size of Bend as they should be carried on.

It is not necessary now to go into the details of the city manager plan, nor the success which has been the fortune of the cities which have adopted it. The name itself is descriptive of the idea, and any reader or student of municipal affairs is acquainted with its working.

The suggestion seems especially timely for Bend just now because of the fact that our present city charter is badly in need of change. The con-

stitutional amendment fixing the time of city elections, to name only one instance, has left us in real confusion. The portion of the charter dealing with elections must be amended, at least. While we are at it, why not go into the whole subject and make changes conforming to the modern idea of city management?

We should be glad to have the views of the citizens of Bend on the subject and also to have any who wish look over the La Grande charters on file in our office.

IRRIGATION.

The letter from Director Davis, of the Reclamation Service, quoted in yesterday's Bulletin, gives promise of activity on the part of the Federal government in this section that will be welcomed by all. The agricultural future of the Deschutes valley depends on irrigation, but the undertaking is so tremendous that we cannot hope to see it go through without Federal aid. In fact, Federal aid is not enough. It must be a complete Federal job with the money furnished by Uncle Sam and the plans made and executed by his engineers.

Under these conditions the one thing to which the people of the whole Deschutes valley should devote their energy is getting Uncle Sam's engineers in here to investigate and study our irrigation possibilities, including lands to be watered and water supply for these lands. The first step will come when the geologist begins his work at Benham Falls. Whether or not more steps are taken will depend on our success in interesting the Reclamation Service in the whole section, and that success, in turn, will depend on the energy we show in creating such interest.

Fear is expressed by many lest there be a conflict of interest between the irrigationists of Jefferson county and the people of this section. Such a conflict, if it should arise, would be fatal to the whole scheme of irrigation in the valley. Both Deschutes and Jefferson counties want irrigation. Neither will get it unless storage is provided at Crane Prairie or Benham Falls nor will storage be provided unless the Federal government takes hold of the proposition. Let the two counties, then, join in getting the government, in the shape of the Reclamation Service, in here to provide the storage. Then let the Service determine what lands are to be watered.

So long as the road is the same we can both pull on the same traces. When the road divides we can go our own way.

DESCHUTES LEADS.

(Oregon Journal.)

Deschutes county stands at the head of the War Stamps list in Oregon with 185 per cent. Clatsop is second with 148, and Wheeler is third with 121. A number of counties have not filled up their quotas, Multnomah among them, with 91 per cent. Does any Oregon county want to leave a record of failure in going over the top? The time is short.

Several weeks ago we advertised the fact that we would receive subscriptions for papers to be sent to soldiers from this section in France. Now that the boys are coming home and mail addresses are so constantly changing, it seems advisable to discontinue this service. Arrangements have been made, however, to obtain information as to the disposition of units, either returning home or remaining abroad, and any who are interested in keeping in intimate touch with the men from this vicinity who are still in the service of the country may apply to The Bulletin.

Rules for proper living as a means of combatting influenza which are given by the Oregon Journal are rules for keeping well in the face of any epidemic. Read them and heed them.

"It behooves everybody in the face of these facts to take the best care he can of his health. One or two common rules may be repeated, though they have already been in print scores of times. Live in the fresh air as much as possible, but keep well protected always. Sleep outdoors or with windows wide open, but, at the same time, use blankets enough to keep warm.

"Do not sit in overheated rooms. That is a fertile cause of debility and disease in the best of times. It is exceptionally dangerous now with the influenza knocking at every door. Eat temperately, avoiding like poison the foods which do not agree with you. A person who keeps himself 'fit' mentally and physically is not half so apt to come down with the influenza as one who permits his bodily functions to lag or his mind to sink into melancholy."

Where's your button

Subscriptions in the recent war work drive amounted to \$203,179,039. This is not the full 50 per cent. over-subscription asked, but it is the most tremendous sum ever raised by popular gift. Deschutes county and the state of Oregon have credit for meeting the call for the 50 per cent. increase.

Now that socks for the soldiers are no longer being knitted by the Red Cross a movement is on foot, we understand, to care for the holes in friend husband's socks.

Bootleggers who figured on having an easy time after election have discovered that Sheriff Roberts is as much on the job just after, as just before, election.

Advice to Santa Claus: When you come down the chimney this year, look out for the flue(s).

Before Postmaster General Burleson begins to propose government ownership of telegraph and telephone systems he might show a little efficiency in the management of the government monopoly of which he is the head, that is, the post office. If ownership of the wires means the same sort of service we have been getting from the postal system we do not want it.

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Hand Shaking.

The practice of clasping or joining right hands as a pledge of sincerity or as a seal of a promise is of very early origin. The apostle Paul, in his epistle to the Galatians, says: "And when James, Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and to Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen." In this case, evidently, a friendly agreement was sealed by giving the right hands of fellowship. From this the custom of giving the right hand of fellowship upon suitable occasions spread throughout Christendom and joining right hands became a part of the Christian marriage ceremony. The custom of hand shaking certainly existed before Shakespeare's day, for he refers to it many times as a kind of pledge or social greeting. It is not confined to English-speaking nations.

WEARY ROUND OF MONOTONY

Sample of Terrible Price That is Sometimes Demanded by the Meloch of Modern Industry.

His face always wore the same expression—the look of the stoker who comes to the deck for a breath of fresh air. His business was, once every second, to give a certain machine a twist in order that a piece of wire might bend into a circle. He had done this sort of thing so long that two fingers had acquired a peculiar hardened curvature. One shoulder was lower than the other. He knew no other business.

It seems that the man had had an unusual boyhood. While others were at their sport, his hours were spent in passionate reverie. The literature of romantic chivalry, the story of followers of the Cross, the fine heroism of soul-starving deeds for others claimed him and made him tremulous with aspiration. He knew of nothing larger, more captivating for him than a life eeked out in some remote field of self-sacrifice for the redemption of the human race. And to this he pledged himself. But then his father died. Ruin was the specter at the funeral feast. An unnamed Nemesis pursued him, try as he might to keep faith with himself and the call of mortal hunger. Self-sacrifice.

Yes, the screw-eye is a very useful article.—Boston Transcript.

FOOD FOR ALL THE WORLD

No Fear of Starvation While the Banana Grows With Its Present Wonderful Prodigality.

Concerning the value of banana flour there is no possible question. Henry M. Stanley, while he was in Darkest Africa, tested that matter thoroughly. For something like two years it was one of the staple foods on which he lived, and his testimony regarding it is both clear and convincing, though the flour he had was made in the most primitive fashion, by the natives among whom he was living, and was not comparable, save in the single particular of cost, with the flour that has been produced and is being produced today in New York city.

The world's available supply of bananas is practically inexhaustible. Growing wild as the banana does with all the excessive prodigality of tropical vegetation, in localities far outside the ken of civilization, there is no way of estimating the possible extent of the annual crop, but it may be said that enough bananas to feed the world grow somewhere each year.

Moreover, modern science has discovered the methods by which this banana flour can be made of the partially ripe fruit in such fashion that it will keep almost indefinitely almost anywhere.

Mending a Sagging Door.

It ruffled the tidy nature of the handy man to have to pull and jerk at his door to open it, and then to have to coax and push to shut it. A door should fit in its frame, like a stopper in a bottle, he thought. A cursory examination disclosed that it struck at the bottom. Of course, if the swelling had been at the top, it would have been so easy just to plane off the surplus. But, at the bottom! He tried tightening the screws in the upper hinge, which were quite loose, but found the wood so soft that even longer screws would not hold. There seemed to be nothing to do but remove the upper hinge, dig out the soft wood and insert in its place a piece of new wood, which held the hinge screws firmly and prevented the door from sagging.

Maxims for Marksmen.

It is strange that the novice will almost invariably try to hit the bull's eye of a swinging target when it is at the center or in the lowest position. This is decidedly the incorrect method. The expert knows that the time to shoot is at the end of the swing. In fact, anyone will arrive ultimately at the same conclusion, for a little thought will convince him that a target is the more easily hit when at a standstill, or at the end of a vibration.

The moving target as a rule has the largest bull's eye, and is often one of the easiest to strike, if you happen to know how.

Simply aim at the point where the center of the target stops and wait till it returns. Then, bling!

Raven Not Extinct in England.

The assertion, made in some London papers, that the raven is practically extinct in England, has been denied by a dweller on Exmoor. The raven, according to this bird watcher, is by no means rare in Somerset, where he is often seen and heard. The story of his having a dummy nest to mislead marauders is due to a misunderstanding of the bird's habit of sometimes building a new nest instead of repairing the old one. Ravens have a place in many old legends in Europe, and cannot be spared any more than can the stork of Alsace and Lorraine.

Quite Unprepared.

Condn (visiting sick friend, solemnly)—Don't think I'm lookin' fr th' worst t' happen, Dinny, but it's fr yer own good I'm asking it—are ye prepared?

Slavin (very deliberately)—'Tis sorry I am t' say I'm not, Terence, but av ye'll be good enough t' call ag'in tomorrah I'll guarantee t' have a brick handy, ye domb crape hanger!—Buffalo Express.

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JAPS FULL OF SUPERSTITION

Have More Foolish Beliefs, According to Traveler, Than Any Other People on the Earth.

"When I was a very young man I was filled with superstitious ideas," said a "globe trotter." "They were thoroughly dispelled from my mind, however, after a visit to Japan. In that country there is a superstition surrounding practically everything. The Japanese housewife, for instance, will never sweep out a room immediately after anyone has left it, for fear of driving away the luck. At a Japanese marriage it is not considered wise for either the bride or bridegroom to wear purple. It is held that purple is a color likely to fade and that the marriage will not be of long duration. Perhaps the strangest ideas are those which prevail with regard to finger nails.

"The Japanese believe that the cutting of finger nails before starting on a journey will bring misfortune to the traveler when he reaches his destination. The howling of a dog always causes considerable perturbation, for it signifies death. It is a serious matter for a woman to step over an eggshell. It is the belief of the country that if she does so she will go mad. There is a great fear of ghosts in Japan and many of the natives keep lights burning throughout the night in the belief that the flame will drive them away. One of the superstitions is put to practical use. Japanese children are told that if they tell a lie an imp will pull out their tongues."

CITY IN BEAUTIFUL SETTING

First Sight of Constantinople Cannot Fail to Impress Even the Most Satiated Globe Trotter.

However many descriptions of Constantinople may have been read or heard previously, the actual sight of it must certainly come to every one with a feeling almost of astonishment at the sheer beauty of the place. Certainly it can be a matter of surprise to no one that Constantine chose Byzantium as the spot from which to rule the East, for surely no city ever had a more magnificent situation.

Whether seen from the deck of the steamer, as it nears Constantinople, coming up from the sea of Marmora, or from the head of the Golden Horn, or from the heights of Pera opposite, or even from the Galata bridge, Stamboul, rising from the brilliantly blue waters which surround it on three sides, must always take first place for loveliness among all the beautiful

cities of the world. In May, when all the Judas trees are a mass of pinkish blossom and the wisteria hangs in pendant pale mauve masses above the narrow streets between the old wooden houses, Stamboul is perhaps beautiful above all months in the year.

Mexico Had Printing Press in 1537.

Mexico had a printing press about a hundred years earlier than the United States, or, to be exact, in 1537. The first works printed upon it were naturally by authors born in Spain who had come to America. The claim that the first book by a native-born American was written by a Mexican, and struck from this press, has stood undisputed for many years. Recently a writer of Santo Domingo has been brought forward as the first American author. An article in a recent number of the new monthly magazine, Inter-America, presents a well documented discussion of the relative claims, in which the author concludes that the honor still remains with Mexico.

The first book, in his finding, by a native American author was printed by Juan de Leon, in Sevilla, in the year 1594. There exist copies of this priceless edition in the collection of the Hispanic Society of America, in New York, in that of the Duke de T'Serclaes in Sevilla.

When Alchemy Flourished.

The cult of alchemy was at its zenith during the fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth centuries, holding the place with many that religion did with others. People believed implicitly in the existence of the philosopher's stone, and pinned their faith to its potency to an incredible extent. It was, of course, in the great majority of cases, simply a matter of suggestion accepted by those who were on the outlook for the means of increasing wealth. And there were many who drew no distinction between the philosopher's stone, which was supposed to have the power of transmuting the base into the noble metals, and what was called the elixir of life, a substance which would promote and preserve health and increase longevity. Thus the appeal was also made to credulity through the desire for health and the fear of disease.

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