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STAND BACK, PESSIMIST!

The pessimist, like the poor, "ye have always with you," and because his bray wakes the echoes some may think he constitutes the majority, but he does not.

There are those who complain that the world is growing worse. It is not. True, there are great evils to contend with, but they are not as great, compared to the powers available against them, as in the ages of the past.

We are told "the poor are growing poorer." They are not. The poorest outcast in the land today enjoys luxury as compared with those who were classed as "the poor" in past years.

Famine is terrible in modern days, but it was more terrible in past ages. Human intelligence has organized against it as never before, and while it is still an awful thing, it is being combated a never before and an American—

an Oregonian (by adoption)—has charge of the forces opposing it.

Poison gas and submarines make war seem more terrible than ever before, but the actual butchery in battle and in victory is no more frightful than thousands of years ago, when the end of a battle usually meant the slaughter of every man on the losing side, and probably every woman and child for whom he had fought.

But out of this last and greatest of wars have come influences that give hope that there may be no more like it. The league of nations has already stopped several wars before they had progressed far. It is a better guarantee of peace than the world ever saw before.

Even the conference now in progress at Washington promises to have a restraining influence on war.

Pestilences such as have devastated empires in the past are met by science today and robbed of most of their terrors. Grip and "flu" take toll, but it is meager compared to what mankind suffered from earliest history to within a few centuries.

The ravages of tuberculosis have been materially lessened and the possibility of even eradicating it from the earth dawns upon us. The Red Cross seal sale now on is a part of the war on the great white plague.

A specific cure has been found for leprosy, once called the scourge God and the curse of man. And even the "wave of crime," of which we hear so much, is subsiding. A few good shooters in banks and mail cars and other scenes of bandit activity, with a few consequent corpses of would-be robbers, have of late discouraged banditry not a little.

The motion picture business, which comes into the class with the pulpit, the school and the press as an educational influence, is improving in moral tone. The Lasky combination some time since announced that not only must indecency and "sex stuff" be kept off the screen, but that the actors shown there must be persons of good repute.

And the Lasky enterprise is reported as likely to absorb (and of course, reform) the Hollywood enterprise in California, which has received a pretty black eye, morally, in the exploited Arbuckle case and the hushed-up Stein affair.

Evelyn Thaw-Yorke recently at-

tempted suicide, or pretended to, because her notoriety had ceased to draw the patronage of the theater-going public. She had not the moral fiber shown by May Yohe, who asserted her supremacy over circumstances by earning an honest living as a janitress when the stage failed her.

Clara Hamon did the world good service by ridding it of a moral leper, but when she attempted to capitalize the record of immorality she had gained with him the awakening public ignored her and her films were a flat failure.

Fatty Arbuckle may or may not be a murderer, but the besotted indecency of the parties which he once delighted to give became generally known and he is off the screen, let us hope forever. It is not well to teach boys and girls that characters like Jesse James, Roy Gardner and Fatty are heroes. And it is not being done any more. The world is growing better.

PEOPLE AND PARTIES

The Albany Herald thinks this paper fails to make a distinction between "fancied popular sentiment" and "government by the people."

The Herald may fancy that popular sentiment leans one way while we fancy that it inclines in another direction. Mr. Lodge and Mr. Taft have very different fancies regarding popular sentiment and Mr. Borah may go off at still another angle.

The trouble in following the party leaders is that those leaders are as liable as any other intelligent persons to misinterpret popular sentiment, or they may not care a darn what popular sentiment is, provided they can get their own aspirations into the law.

The Herald claims that our government system is founded upon partisanship, and that a good citizen must be a faithful member of a party. If this is true, what a failure Abraham Lincoln was! He was one of a lot of bolters who split off from their party or parties and founded the republican party—an organization composed of renegades from those parties which had until that time held control.

If today Borah and Johnson and Reed and such men as Roosevelt was in his day should bolt and form a new progressive party and it should win an election it would have the same kind of a start the Herald's party had.

The signatory powers, (of the four-power alliance) as members of the alliance, are not committed to use force when carrying out the provisions of the treaty. Under the league of nations they are bound to use force when called upon to enforce the mandates of the upper circle.—Albany Democrat.

The latter assertion was shouted through the land during the campaign of falsification against the league of nations in this country. But we are still waiting for somebody to quote the words of the league pact which bind any nation to use force at the call of anybody outside of that nation.

Dispatches from Washington declare that the president, in fighting against the so-called "agricultural bloc" in congress, "is fighting for the life of the republican party." Strange, isn't it, that all these years the bankers' bloc and the railroad bloc (in time past) and the grain gamblers' bloc and the like have been harmless, but when a few lawmakers combine to ask for plain justice for the farmers there's the — to pay.

Mr. Harding has sent another "stern" note to Mexico, this time regarding the seizure of an American vessel, and firing demagogues are as badly grieved as the same class of republicans were when Wilson sent notes instead of bullets. And one president pays as much attention to that kind of criticism as the other did.

NOW IT'S TWEEDLEDEE

The biggest howl in the United States senate against the league of pact was because article 10 provided in case of violation of the rights of member nations "the council shall advise upon the means by which their obligation shall be fulfilled." The opponents of President Wilson claimed that this would constitute an insufferable super-government.

Now these same kickers, when their party is in power, favor a league of four nations to control affairs in the Pacific which covenants that in case the same rights are threatened the said nations shall consult "as to the most efficient measures to be taken jointly or separately to meet the exigencies of the particular occasion." Strange such a difference there should be 'Twxat tweedledum and tweedledee.

Emma Goldman was too red for this country, so she was sent to Russia. She proved too red for the soviet government and would like to come back to this country. Which is the frying pan and which is the fire? She ought to go to Mars.

Roy Gardner is a great hero in some people's eyes. The temptation to young men to follow his example is lessened by the fact that he is in prison with three 25-year sentences to serve, one after the other.

It costs \$5.98 to spend every \$100 used by the state highway commission. The editor of the Enterprise would be willing to spend \$100 for half that commission. Just try him.

American Aid Abroad

No part of President Harding's message to congress will be received with greater satisfaction by thinking men than that in which he pledges belated American aid to Europe.

The president recognizes the close relationship in finance and trade between the United States and foreign countries. He realizes that for America to reach the ultimate of prosperity she must have foreign markets. He sees that, with Europe in economic and financial chaos and faced with disastrous rates of exchange, Europeans cannot buy American products. The remedy is American aid to Europe. That aid President Harding promises.

By his expression to congress, President Harding indicates his duty and America's duty in aiding the world back to a normal status. Now let the obligation be hastily discharged. In that task the president is entitled to the undivided support of congress and the country.

His Heart Bleeds

A Lane county farmer writes: "Normalcy surely has hit the farmer—one way. I have been offered \$25 for a cow that comes fresh in January. H— got \$4.50 net from Portland for a cow-fed calf. A man at Blachly got 35 cents net for a cow hide. But a moving machine costs \$100.

"My heart certainly bleeds (water) for the poor railroad men who wanted to strike."

Is it the high price of hides that make shoes so high?

And how much did the Portland consumer pay for veal from that calf?

Veterans, Take Notice

Ex-service men of Halsey who have claims against the government will soon have opportunity to get action. The so-called Oregon clean-up squad, sent over the state by the United States Veterans' bureau, will be in Albany Saturday, Jan. 7, Lebanon Monday, Jan. 9 and Brownsville Tuesday, Jan. 10.

The squad will handle claims for compensation, vocational training, reinstatement and conversion of insurance, back pay, travel pay, allotments and insurance. Headquarters will be at the community house in Albany, the city hall in Lebanon and the city hall in Brownsville.

Men with claims should bring their discharges and other government papers. This is the last month government insurance can be reinstated.

Oddfellows Entertain

Last Friday evening at 7 the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges jointly gave a big banquet in honor of their members and families. A very large attendance was present and thoroughly enjoyed the bounteous feast. A delightful evening was spent. The young people played games and the following program was enjoyed by all:

Orchestra, Hawaiian, "Say You'll be Mine" and "Love Ship." Solo, Cecil Mayberry. Duet, Dorothy Corcoran and Beverly Isom. Piano solo, Georgina Clark. Duet, Herman Kooz and Gilbert Hayes. Solo, Alice Sturtevant. Piano solo, De Etta Robnett. Cornet solo, Clarence Cornelius. Reading, Jenet Boggs. Quartet, Alice Sturtevant, Beverly Isom, Herman Kooz and Gilbert Hayes. Piano solo, Mrs. English. Reading, Elma Cornelius. Duet, Allen Holgate and Keith Hayes. Orchestra, "Oregon."

EARLY FALL SCHOOL DRESS



A beautiful girlish frock of henna Jersey, with a cape dropping from the shoulders, makes an ideal school dress for the young girl.

FUR IS WORN ON SLIPPERS

American Broadtail One of Smartest Decorations Offered in Recent New York Displays.

American broadtail, which was one of the smartest furs in the recent displays, is used or imitated in pile fabrics for the one-strap slipper. It comes in such combinations as platinum and black, and tan and brown.

Footwear in general continues to be fancy, even with the specter of the long skirt hovering in the offing. New York shops which are devoted especially to French modes, show the short vamp with the full round toe and the Cuban or the baby Louis heel, but the majority of slippers continue to be pointed in the toe and high in the heel.

Straps and buckles and fancy bindings are the trimmings employed. Some of the new patent leather slippers are stitched in colors, red, gray and green, at the heel, around the top and across the strap.

Again the attempt is made to introduce the high tight-fitting collar although the majority of frocks display the rounding or square neckline.

Sleeves really strike one of the newest notes of the season, and their modes are various. There is the bishop sleeve of long ago, the broad-cuffed sleeve of James II, and the wide flowing one of the time of Henry VII. Some of the sleeves are so long that they almost extend to the fingers, while others are so short that they provide only the scantiest of covering for the shoulders. The just-above-the-elbow type of sleeve, as well as the three-quarter length one, also is used, but the general tendency seems to be toward the full-length arm covering.

To Polish Cut Glass.

When washing cut glass add turpentine to the water in the proportion of one tablespoonful to two quarts of water. This will insure a brilliant polish.

Slit Down the Back.

Dresses made with an open slit down the back, the blouse fastened at neckline and waist only are frequently noted.

Hogarth's "Marriage a la Mode." "Marriage a la Mode," a series of six paintings by William Hogarth (1697-1764), were acquired in 1824 by the National Gallery in London. The paintings depict, with rare satire, a variety of occurrences in the high life of the time. They are generally considered to be the artist's masterpiece.

The Christmas STORE FOR MEN'S GIFTS

You will really marvel how simple it is to pick a gift for him at a man's store. A Smoking Jacket full of joy and comfort. One of the new Sweater Coats with two or four pockets. Comfortable warm felt House Slippers. A nice Traveling Bag made of real leather. Belts, Gloves, Neckties, Sox and many other gifts that he will like, Why not a suit for that boy? Price \$10 to \$15

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Starving by Thousands. Literally thousands of Russian children are being deserted by parents no longer able to supply them with food, according to a report just received from the man who is directing distribution of \$3,000,000 worth of American Red Cross medical supplies in the famine district of soviet Russia. Seven thousand were collected in Kazan City during the last month, while in the province of Ufa, 22,000 are being cared for in various children's homes. In Samara there have been established eight receiving homes and fifty-eight permanent homes for children abandoned by their families. Deserted children are brought to collecting homes where they are bathed, clipped and so far as possible reclined. They are then either sent to cities outside the famine area or placed among the local children's homes, the latter being of two classes, those for children under three years and those for children from three to sixteen years.

The Conference. The date November the eleventh day 'in the year of nineteen twenty one Great men are meeting in U. S. A. To hold a conference in Washington. Their mission is in this event. While gathered here upon our shore, To talk regarding disarmament. And abolish wars forever more. These men are wise but of the dust. And, no matter what these men may do, Some other men this pact will bust. The coming time will show to you. For can the human heart be changed By laws, or by the will of man? Or can the world be so arranged, If touched to shut up like a clam? Will all the greed and hate and lust, With all its horrid bloody stains, Become as gold that will not rust, No matter how it storms or rains?

B. M. Cushman of Brownsville, after being ill for some time, went to a Portland hospital but died there a week ago tonight. His remains were brought home for the funeral and interment. Funeral services were under the auspices of the K. of P. and Odd Fellows' lodges of which he was a member.

The Oregon sterilization law has been declared unconstitutional on about a dozen counts by Judges Kelly and Bingham. Seventeen subjects have been operated upon under it. Mrs. A. H. Tucker of Bartle court, Eugene, arrived Monday to spend a day or two with Mrs. Wheeler.