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THE WAR.

President Wilson's appeal to the press for strict, impartial neutrality in the European war is not bearing full fruitage, if we are to judge by the editorial utterances of Eastern newspapers. The Chicago Tribune raises its voice and exclaims: "Before establishing hell on earth, the pitiable kings commend their subjects to God. Seek the Lord's sanction for the devil's work." "And now I commend you to God," said the Kaiser from his balcony to the people in the street. "Do pray that a farmer dragged from a Saxon field shall be speared with a bayonet thrust thru a winemaker taken from his vines in the Aube."

Chicago Journal: "They are being fed to the cannon that the house of Hapsburg may add to its millions of unwilling subjects, and that the house of Hohenzollern may be buttressed in its rule of Germany by a strong and grateful neighbor to the south. The conflict brewed in Europe is a King's war, but a peasant's fight."
New York World: "Germany has run amok. There is no other explanation of the Kaiser's policy in forcing a general European war. Fortunately it is that Great Britain is compelled to cast her sword into the balance without further loss of time. . . . Wantonly and deliberately the Kaiser has plunged his sword into the heart of civilization. The whole world is paying the penalty of his madness, neutrals as well as belligerents."
New York Times: "At the conclusion of this war permanent peace can be secured to Europe only through the overthrow of the Hohenzollerns, Hapsburgs and Romanoffs dynasties. Emperors who govern by 'divine right' in this age are not merely a monstrous anachronism, they are a menace, since great and prosperous peoples, against their own interest, may at any time be forced into a war for the dynastic interests, as that now going on in Europe shows. It will be recalled that it was the sovereigns of Russia, Austria and Prussia who in 1815 formed that conspiracy against human freedom known as the Holy Alliance."

While this government will perhaps remain neutral to the end, unless unforeseen conditions arise to endanger its interests, the orax of public opinion will continue to peltate through the arteries of newspaper and magazine. And the die of that opinion has already been cast. In substance it is that out of the ashes of the awful carnage now going on, in which millions of human beings who for years have borne the yoke of militarism and who are now being ruthlessly fed to the cannon, sword and bayonet, will arise a democracy evolving much the same as that of France in 1870, under very similar conditions.

To us it does not seem possible that the availing influences which Germany has stood for and given to the world, should or tumble at the will of an autocratic dictator, whom mailed fist has loved under the nose of about every nation on earth. Nor will it be passing strange when it is all over, to find that barbaric Russia has come to her senses, and instead of being a menace to European peace will have such a crimp bent into her profile that she will be content to develop the resources of her own domain before coveting the possessions of others.

When the time comes, and we are called upon to settle this world-wide war, we are going about it in this manner: We'll dig a big pit out on the Russian frontier and into this pit we will shove about a million tons of dynamite. Then we will call on a few fellows who believe about as we do, to help, and will toss into the pit all the bureaucrats, autocrats, and monarchs in Europe and elsewhere. Then we'll throw in all the navies of the world, the cannon and small arms and the men who invented them. We will seal them up, only leaving a small hole in the top for a fuse. Then we'll collar Wood and stick him over this little hole, blindfold him and make him light the fuse. Then we shall have peace.

Man in his primitive state has been satisfactorily impersonated by Mr. Joe Knowles in the wilds of Southern Oregon; and now a Grants Pass lady is going out to do the primitive woman's part. All the public has to wait for now is the moving picture man.

The French, profiting by the lesson of 1870, have decided not to withhold battle news from the public. The folks at home received the first installment Monday and while it was not of an obnoxious nature, it acquainted them with the true status of affairs as they were transpiring on the fringe line.

And by the way, it was the first concession the French have made that Germany has an army.

Lafferty is using the United States Supreme Court as a political asset in his congressional campaign. He would lead his constituency to believe that if reelected the court will sustain him in his land cases; if defeated, it will decide against him. Great indeed is the power of office—with Lafferty in office.

Belgian belles and German officers forgot the horrors of war long enough to have a dance in Brussels. Just the way of a woman. Let a uniform come along and she will forget her obnoxious gum or anything else.

We wonder if "Darius Green and his flying machine" would out any foe on the French-Belgian frontier. Something must be done to counteract the destructive power of those Zep pelins.

The Jap and his little ship seems to be one and inseparable. And now while he is parading before the guns of the German fort in China, the military world is stounded at Austria declaring war against him.

"The bear that walks like a man is lumbering westward," says the Oregonian. Yes; and when he sees those ghost uniforms described by Richard Harding Davis, his compass will entice him eastward p. d. q.

We don't expect any bouquets from the bush, so we'll fling one at ourselves. (Our front page is "erer" bit an' grain" as nifty as the one Wood is putting over.)

The price of flour is responding to the rise in wheat. A natural consequence—it's made of it.

Who said McNary was ahead of Hanson?
MRS. H. W. KEMP LAID TO REST
Accompanied by Children, Body of Pioneer Lady Arrived Sunday.
Was Ill But Five Days.

The funeral of Mrs. H. W. Kemp was held in this city Sunday afternoon, at the Christian church, and interment was made in the Athena cemetery, where other members of the family are laid to rest.

Mrs. Kemp was ill but five days, and although of advanced age, her death was a severe shock to her family and friends. She had been a faithful attendant of her invalid husband for many years, and although now past 82 years of age, she survives her.
Heart trouble was the immediate cause of death, which occurred early Friday morning, August 21, at their home in St. Johns, a suburb of Portland. The body was accompanied to this city Sunday morning by her two daughters, Mrs. E. L. Barnett of Portland, and Miss Flora Kemp of St. Johns, and her son, I. M. Kemp of Colton. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gornall.
Rachel Miller was born near Carmen, Henderson county, Illinois, in 1841. In 1861 she was married to Henry W. Kemp, of Oquaka, Ill. They have lived in Iowa, Nebraska, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, spending the past 32 years in this state. They came to this city in the early Centerville days, and for many years resided in and near the town, where they still have many warm friends.
For a time Mr. Kemp owned a fruit farm near Milton, leaving there for Cornelius, and later settling in St. Johns. Mrs. Kemp is survived by her husband, two sons and two daughters, two brothers and three sisters. She had been for many years a member of the Christian church, and her last earthly act, before taking her final illness, was to prepare her Sunday school lesson on Saturday evening for the following day. The influence of her gentle spirit will long continue to envelop all those around whom it was cast.

SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY, SEPT. 7
Is Necessary That Primary and High School Scholars Start at Beginning of School Year.

The Athena school will open Monday, September 7, in the present school building, where school will be held until the completion of the new building.
The corps of instructors will be: High school department, C. A. Guerne, superintendent, Miss Jessie Briler, assistant; 7th and 8th grades, Miss Nellie Darr; 6th grade, Miss Valma Wilkinson; 5th grade, Mrs. Tessie McPherson; 3rd and 4th grades, Miss Vesta Outforth; 1st and 2nd grades Mrs. Laura Zorba.
Superintendent Guerne desires the Press to state that pupils entering the primary grades will be expected to register on the first day of school, that they may start in at the beginning of the school year. This also pertains especially to High school students, whose presence is desired at the commencement of school, that the work of the department may not be hindered by the enrollment of late comers to the detriment of those who have started in the work.

A Useless Rule.
He (teaching her bridge)—When in doubt it's a good rule to play trumps. She—But that's just it; when I'm in doubt I don't know what the trump is.—Philadelphia Record.

Notice to Taxpayers.
There is now due on all unpaid taxes a penalty of 5 per cent. to be paid on or before the 31st day of August.
On the first day of September, all unpaid taxes become delinquent and a penalty of 10 per cent and interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum, until paid will be added.
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"Altogether it is difficult to write of this city of over a million people without expressing astonishment that both its beauty and its greatness are not more widely understood."
"The condition of the poorer people is, I am assured and as I thoroughly believe, far removed from the misery of the slum dwellers in the great cities of the northern hemisphere. There is no especial quarter for the poor, nothing in the nature of a slum district, and there is much effort of one kind and another to provide decent living conditions for the poorest."

MAJORITY TYRANNY.
Its Despotic Sway, For Instance, in the Matter of Dress.

The tyranny of majorities is not confined to politics. It invades all fields, demands obedience from all classes and brooks defiance of none.
Women tolerate a certain style of garment because they imagine a majority of womankind at the moment is demanding it. They obediently follow suit for fear of exciting attention or unfavorable comment.

Men and women are bound too much by others' opinions. Society, of course, is built on conventions. But conventions sometimes become tyrannical. One should know when to follow their dictates and when to ignore them. In the matter of dress, for instance, why should any one endure a style he detests merely because the majority at the moment is wearing it? Why should not a long necked man wear a tall collar, if he prefers, it, even though it does cause pain to the chins of all sympathetic observers?
Frankly the question is without an answer. Perhaps people tolerate majority tyranny in such matters merely because they are accustomed to it. A caged animal presumably knows nothing of freedom until he has tasted it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Just Like the Salad.
A young man named Smith boarded with an emaciated aunt of simple years, who seemed to take the view that most any old thing was good enough to hash up for fodder. One day chicken salad was served, but it was merely another demonstration that there is nothing in a name.
"By the way, Mr. Smith," severely remarked the landlady, as the meal progressed, "how do you like the chicken salad?"
"That reminds me," irreverently answered Smith, "I bought a book today and told them to send it around here. Did it come?"
"Yes," replied the landlady, with a puzzled expression, "but why should the chicken salad remind you of it?"
"Coincidence, Mrs. Slymm," was the mean rejoinder of Smith. "The book is half calf, you know."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

They Seldom Do.
A half witted fellow living in one of our country villages makes it his business to attend all funerals and comment on them for days afterward. Recently he received an invitation to the wedding of a relative. The next day after the wedding a neighbor asked, "And how did the wedding go off, Jim?"
"Oh, there was a pretty fair crowd turned out, considerin' the weather." Jim answered solemnly. "Mary, she looked right nice, but I didn't think Bob looked very natural."—Indianapolis News.

Imitating Mamma.
While playing with a pair of shears little Laura severed one of the prettiest of her golden curls.
"My dear child, why did you do that?" asked Aunt Mary, who came to call soon afterward.
"I wanted 'em so I could take 'em off and hang 'em on the bureau," explained the little girl. "Just like mamma does."—New York Globe.

The Wild Part.
"Hello, old man? Have any luck shooting?"
"I should say I did! I shot seventeen ducks in one day."
"Were they wild?"
"Well—no—not exactly; but the farmer was."—New York Globe.

Our Domestics.
Servant to her master—If you please, sir, can I speak on your telephone for a few minutes? I want to tell my young man that me and the m'ives have had an awful row and I've given 'er notice.—London Opinion.

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Committee Meeting.
A meeting of the Umatilla County Democratic Central Committee will be held at rooms 3 and 4, Smith-Gravford Building, Pendleton, Oregon, at 2 o'clock p. m. Saturday, August 29, 1914, for the purpose of organization, election of committeemen in precincts where vacancies exist, election of a chairman and secretary, and for the transaction of such other business as may appear proper.
The chairman and the secretary now in office are not applicants for re-election and have no desire whatever to succeed themselves.
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Notice to Creditors.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of E. M. White, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Matilda R. White has qualified as administratrix of the estate of E. M. White, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with proper vouchers as required by law, to said administratrix at her home in Athena, Ore., or to her attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his law office in Athena, Ore., within six months from the first publication of this notice. Dated this 28th day of August, 1914. Homer I. Watts, Matilda R. White, Attorney, Administratrix.

Notice to Creditors.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Donald N. McDonald, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that E. A. Dudley has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of Donald N. McDonald, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against his estate are hereby required to present them with proper vouchers as required by law to the said E. A. Dudley at his home in Athena, Oregon, or at the office of Will M. Peterson, attorney at law, Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Dated this 16th day of July, A. D. 1914. E. A. Dudley, Executor. Will M. Peterson, Atty. for Executor.

Notice to Creditors.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Louis LaBrasche, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, that W. S. Ferguson has qualified as administrator of the estate of Louis LaBrasche, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with proper vouchers as required by law, to said Administrator at his office in Athena, or to his attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his law office in Athena, Ore., within six months from the first publication of this notice. Dated this 10th day of July, 1914. Homer I. Watts, W. S. Ferguson, Attorney, Administrator.

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