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ATHENS, ORE., JAN. 15, 1915

A political junta in London has apparently begun an attack on President Wilson. The war is the issue and the President is being roasted in Associated Press dispatches for not protesting and taking sides with the Allies when the neutrality of Belgium was violated. It was to be expected that every effort possible would be made to draw this country into the conflict, and such was foreseen by the administration, with the result that a policy of "hands off" was taken at the beginning and has been strictly adhered to since. As a signatory power of the Hague, the United States recognizes the neutrality of Belgium, and for that matter, the rights of all neutrals, but only France, England and Russia went so far as to guarantee the neutrality of Belgium, and it is becoming more and more apparent that this guarantee was made for strategic and political reasons. However, in face of such bitter and undeserved attacks as the junta sent out through the Associated Press on Tuesday, America will continue to feed the starving Belgians while the big European powers combat to turn her bloodstained soil into a shambles. The gratitude of England as a whole, toward this nation, may not be questioned, but her restrictions in censorship of aerionous attacks against a friendly President and his nation, are apparently very lax.

The fuel value of two pounds of wood is roughly equivalent to that of one pound of coal. This is given as the result of certain calculations now being made in the forest service laboratory, which show also about how many cords of certain kinds of wood are required to obtain an amount of heat equal to that in a ton of coal. Certain kinds of wood, such as hickory, oak, beech, birch, hard maple, ash, elm, locust, longleaf pine, and cherry, have fairly high heat values, and only one cord of seasoned wood of these species is required to equal one ton of coal. It takes a cord and a half of shortleaf pine, hemlock, red gum, Douglas fir, sycamore, and soft maple, to equal a ton of coal, and two cords of cedar, redwood, poplar, catalpa, Norway pine, cypress, tanswood, spruce and white pine.

Senator Barrett starts with a "bing" down at Salem. The Senator was the first to gain the eye of the President of the Senate and before floor, gallery or lobby could bat an eye, had introduced a resolution and two bills. The resolution smoked with abatement of useless commissions, and general declaration for lower taxes. When it had been read there was genuine applause and two members asked for the author's identity. When Mr. Barrett's name was announced, there arose shouts of "Good boy; you are all right!" Senator Barrett is chairman of the committee on resolutions.

Our mutual friend Swaggart, says he is under obligations to Wood for a little editorial boost in last week's Leader; that he would learn to like the Colonel, if he (the Colonel) were the least bit approachable. That's easy, Mr. Swaggart. Just arm yourself with one of Fay Le Grow's hand-made quilts and you will be able to approach the old grinch at your pleasure.

Nebraska gains fame right now by proclaiming a policy meant to foster business. The coming session of her legislature is to be a short one. The Oregon legislature might do worse than to emulate Nebraska. Give us a short shift and accomplish something in the shift.

The County Librarian's report shows the Athena branch library to be the youngest in the county and the largest. Children's books appear to have the largest circulation in all county libraries, although books for adults enjoy commendable patronage.

This man Luke McLuke is a prolific writer. He is furnishing original stuff for about half the newspapers that come to our exchange table.

Snow, rain and slush are moisture components. We have had all three this week, and none too much at that.

**Why Pay 8 Per Cent?**  
For farm loans when you can obtain cheaper money by applying to Maloney & Geism. Enquire or write to either J. H. Geism of the Pendleton Abstract Company, or J. W. Maloney, of Pendleton, Oregon.—Adv.

## EASED HIS CONSCIENCE.

An Incident Showing a Queer Phase of the Russian Character.  
"The Russian character has in it something very beautiful—something childlike," wrote the Princess Troubetzkoi (Amelle Rives) from Petrograd to a Richmond friend.  
"A happening in Petrograd brings out the Russian character well."  
"A young nobleman, rather dished and incoherent with champagne, drove up to the opera, and, as he descended, a wretched beggar whined out the usual petition for alms."  
"The nobleman looked at the ragged and filthy beggar; then he laughed foolishly, dropped a silver ruble in the gutter and said:  
"There. Pick that out with your teeth and you can have it!"  
"The beggar gave the nobleman a strange look, a strange, reproachful look which did not lack a certain dignity. Then, without a word, he went down on all fours and drew the coin from the foul water and mire with his teeth."  
"The young nobleman took out a fifty ruble note."  
"Now strike me in the face," he said. "Strike me, and I'll give you this."  
"The beggar struck him a good, vigorous blow."  
"Then the young nobleman, his conscience satisfied, laughed, gave the beggar the promised reward and hurried into the opera, patting his hurt cheek tenderly with his handkerchief."  
—Buffalo Express.

## SIKH SOLDIERS.

Some of Them Are Trained to War Almost From Babyhood.  
One may often see in the English illustrated periodicals photographs of day soldiers about seven or eight years old gravely saluting elderly officers. These diminutive warriors are boy recruits holding regular and dignified places in the Indian army. Each Sikh regiment is allowed twelve of these little chaps, who are trained almost from babyhood. They are each paid 8 rupees and 8 annas a month and at the age of sixteen enter the regular army.  
The Sikh soldiers are a most interesting and remarkable part of the British army in India. Their conduct in frontier engagements has distinguished them as brave, steady and devoted to their English officers. Yet about fifty years ago these well ordered soldiers were fanatical savages, who in their mad uprisings shook the power of Great Britain. Once conquered they accepted British rule and were trained and disciplined into a well equipped army of 30,000 soldiers. They formed part of the force that subdued the mutiny. The Hodson's horse troops, which helped capture Delhi, were composed of Sikhs whose devoted service to their leader made them famous.  
Their script sashes and turbans gained them the name of "Flamingoes." Their descendants are no less determined fighters and staunch soldiers.—Chicago Herald.

## Easy Getting Back.

A man named Blue was talking to his friend Brown one night, when the latter casually mentioned Black, a mutual acquaintance.  
"Makes me think of an experience Black had a few weeks ago," laughed Jones. "He dreamed that he was an Indian and, getting out of bed, he wrapped a blanket around himself and started to walk through the woods. Worked up about three hours later and found himself ten miles from home and no carfare in sight."  
"You don't mean it?" was the amazed rejoinder of Brown. "How in the world did he get back?"  
"That was easy," was the cheerful reply of Jones. "He lay down under a tree, dreamed that he was an Indian again and walked back."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

## Rheumatism in One Reel.

An old ducky appeared in the doctor's office one morning, plainly very tired in his mind.  
"The doctor, recognizing his old patient, greeted him in his most insipid manner."  
"Well, Elijah, how is the rheumatism these days?"  
"Porely, porely, sah!" replied Elijah dejectedly. "Believe me, Marses Doctor, 'Ise jest a movin' picture ob pain!"  
—Women's Home Companion.

## Cut by Friends.

Fuddy—Did you hear of the terrible accident that happened to Dauby? His injuries were so serious that his most intimate friends were unable to recognize him. Duddy—Terrible accident? Railway collision? Motor smash? Fuddy—Worse. He has lost all his money.—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Real Gratitude.

First Little Lamb—How grateful we should be for the wool which covers us.  
Second Little Lamb—I return thanks every day for mine. Without our wool how could those affectionate human beings who eat us keep warm?—Wisconsin State Journal.

## An Insulting Pronoun.

The ritual of society, as women make it, is very exacting the world over, even in almshouses. The London Outlook reports a serious trouble among a set of workhouse officials. The infirmary nurses, three in number, had demanded a separate sitting room and the delight of Sunday dinner therein, and the matron had sought to bumble them by sending the cook to enjoy her Sunday dinner in their company. The brawny cook described what occurred as follows:  
"Well, Nurse Blank, she come down and got inside the door. 'Four covers?' she says. 'Four? Who's the fourth?' 'Me,' says I. 'You?' she says, and with that she tosses her head and walks away."  
Here cook drew a long breath, then continued, "If it hadn't 'a' been Sunday, gentlemen, I should have let her have it for calling me 'you!'"

## Went to the Doctor's.

An old man who looked like a for- elmer was walking along a London street playing a concertina that had seen better days. Noticing a dress plate with the words, "Doctor of Music" written under the name on it, he went up to the house and rang the bell. The door was answered by a servant, who asked his business.

"Please," he said, "is the doctor of music in?"  
"Yes. What is it you want?" the servant asked.  
"Why, just pop in an' ax him how much he'll charge to mend my concertina," was the reply.  
**Sex in Business.**  
It may be instinct, it may be custom, but anyway it is a fact—  
First.—That when a woman marries she doesn't want her job any longer.  
Second.—That when a man marries he wants his job all the more. Consequently—  
"Third.—That as long as there is marrying and giving in marriage business, being desirous of reliable help, will discern a difference between the sexes.—Life.

**A Little Different.**  
Miss Vane—I know he was talking to you about me. Now, wasn't he?  
Miss Speitz—Well, yes. Miss Vane—I thought I heard him remark that I had a thick head of hair. Miss Speitz—Partly correct. He didn't mention your hair, however.—Exchange.

**Friendship.**  
A friendship that makes the least noise is very often the most useful for which reason I should prefer a prudent friend to a zealous one.—Addison.

**Quite Reasonable.**  
"That rich Mr. Smith is going to build a home that will cost \$3,000,000."  
"That looks as if the plumbing was included."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Discretion of speech is more than eloquence.—Bacon.

## New List of Books.

The Athena Branch Library, which is pronounced the banner branch of the county library, has received another new list of books. Interest continues unabated in the library, a large number of the books being in circulation. The following comprise the latest list:  
Hughes—Love Affairs of Great Musicians.  
Carleton—One Way Out.  
Harrison—This Country of Ours.  
James—Memories and Studies.  
Jerome—Stageland.  
Karet—Mozart.  
McMurray—How to Study.  
Riley—Songs of Home.  
Soyar—Paper Bag Cookery.  
Van Dyke—Essays in Application.  
**Fiction.**  
Dickens—Christmas Books.  
Fox—Trail of the Loonstone Pine.  
Lincoln—Cap'n Eri.  
Monroe—Making of a Business Woman.  
Montgomery—Aunt of Green Gables.  
Ollivant—Bob, Son of Battle.  
Parker—The Weavers.  
Porter—Four Million.  
Porter—Freckles.  
Smith—Caleb West, Master Diver.  
Spearman—Held for Orders.  
Tarkington—Conquest of Cannan.  
Water—When Patty Went to College.  
Westcott—David Harum.  
Wiggin—Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.  
Wright—The Shepherd of the Hills.  
**Children's Books.**  
Alcott—Little Men.  
Alcott—Little Women.  
Alcott—Eight Cousins.  
Bend—Shelters, Shacks and Shanties.  
Davis—Boy Scout.  
Miller—Katie's Queer Christmas.  
Peterson—The Japanese Twins.  
Rogers—Tees That Every Child Should Know.  
Ruskin—King of the Golden River.  
Walker—Little Plays From American History for Little Folks.  
Zollinger—The Widow O'Callahan's Boys.

## For Sale or Trade.

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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 Tokki, an Indian Woman, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Leo Sampson has been appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Tokki, an Indian woman, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against her estate are required to present them with proper vouchers as required by law to the said Leo Sampson at the Umatilla Indian Agency upon the Umatilla Indian Reservation or to Will M. Peterson, his attorney, at his office in the Smith-Crawford Building at Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.  
Dated this 15th day of January, A. D., 1915. Leo Sampson, Will M. Peterson, Administrator. Attorney for Administrator.

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**SUMMONS.**  
In the Justice Court for the District of Athens, Umatilla County, Ore. Lillie Miller, Plaintiff, vs. Lavinia Graham and Herman Graham, Defendants.  
To Lavinia Graham and Herman Graham, the above-named Defendants: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks of the date of the first publication of this summons, on or before the 26th day of February, 1915. And you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer or otherwise plead within said time, the plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in plaintiff's said complaint—**t-wit:** For \$200 and costs and disbursements of this action.  
This summons is published pursuant to an order of Hon. B. B. Richards, Judge of the above entitled Court, duly made and filed on the 13th day of January, 1915; and the first publication of this summons will be made in the Athena Press newspaper published at Athens, Umatilla county, Oregon on Friday, February 20, 1915.  
HOMER I. WAITS, Attorney for Plaintiff.

**SUMMONS.**  
In the Justice Court for the District of Athens, Umatilla County, Ore. James E. Scrimsher, Plaintiff, vs. Malcolm Stevens, Defendant.  
To Malcolm Stevens, the above-named Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks of the date of the first publication of this summons, on or before the 26th day of February, 1915. And you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer or otherwise plead within said time, the plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in plaintiff's said complaint—**t-wit:** For \$200 with interest thereon at 8 per cent per annum from July 14, 1913 to Nov. 1, 1914 and interest at 10 per cent per annum from Nov. 1, 1914 until paid, and \$35 attorneys fees, and costs and disbursements of this action.  
This summons is published pursuant to an order of Hon. B. B. Richards, Judge of the above entitled Court, duly made and filed on the 13th day of January, 1915; and the first publication of this summons will be made in the Athena Press newspaper published at Athens, Umatilla County, Oregon on Friday, February 26, 1915.  
HOMER I. WAITS, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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No. 4516. **Report of the Condition** of The First National Bank, at Athens, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, December 31, 1914.

**RESOURCES.**

Loans and discounts, \$352 161 48	Overdrafts, secured, \$ 6 59
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value), 12 500 00	Other bonds to secure postal savings, 970 00
Bonds, securities, etc. on hand (other than stocks), including premiums on same, 1 542 82	Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank, \$ 5 000 00
Less amount unpaid, \$ 5 000 00	Less amount unpaid, \$ 5 000 00
Banking house, \$9000, furniture and fixtures, 10 000 00	Due from Federal Reserve Bank, 8 000 00
Due from approved reserve agents in central reserve cities, \$ 11 559 76	Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities, \$ 73 650 84
Due from banks and bankers (other than above), 15 110 47	Outside checks and other cash items, \$565 17; fractional currency, 142 67
Notes of other national banks, 640 00	Specie, \$ 21 950 40
Legal-tender notes, 25 00	Legal-tender notes, 21 975 40
Red'n fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation), 625 00	Total, \$ 310 450 20

**LIABILITIES.**

Capital stock paid in, \$ 50 000 00	Surplus fund, 50 000 00
Undivided profits, 5 468 79	Circulating notes, 12 500 00
Due to banks and bankers (other than above), 571 61	Dividends unpaid, 5 000 00
Individual deposits subject to check, \$ 227 374 78	Cert's of deposit due in less than 30 days (demand cert's) \$ 134 256 47
Certified checks, 47 56	Cashier's checks outstanding, 101 00
United States deposits, 24 375 11	Postal Savings deposits, 40
State and municipal deposits, \$ 814 48	Total, \$ 310 450 20

State of Oregon, County of Umatilla, ss:  
I, F. S. Le Grow, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. F. S. Le Grow, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before me Correct Attest:  
this 9th day of January, 1915. W. S. Ferguson, M. L. Watts, H. Koepke, Directors.  
B. B. RICHARDS, Notary Public.

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