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Speaking of the Gary plan of public school work, which is to be adopted in the Portland schools this year, L. R. Alderman, superintendent of schools in that city says: "The new studies-cooking, sewing, manual training, music. drawing and organized play-bave come in so recently that little adjustment has been made to meet them. Some people call these things fads; others call them essectials. In my judgment they have co ve to stay and are vitalizing school work. The child is a crestore of activity; he has hands as well as a head. The idea should be to educate the whole child. The plan that is to be tried in a few of the Portland schools this winter, modeled somewhat after the Gary plan, is to have the pupils organized into two groups. While one group is in the regular class room the other group will be taking manual training, cooking, sewing, drawing, music and organized play, also penmanship, spelling and reading, with a special teacher in charge of each subject. lustend of needing more teachers, under this plan we shall need fewer. Each teacher, teaching, say, twenty-five pupils in a group, will handle the regular academic work of fifty pupils. Thus, in a school of seven hundred pupils, fourteen teachers can handle the regular work."

We may see a practical demonstra tion of Federal Reserve Banking put to the test soon. The producers of cotton in the South have been put down and out by Britain placing cot ton on the contratend list, and Sec retary McAdoo is ready to send \$30, 000,000 to the banks for their temporary relief. Of course this is one of the wise provisions of the banking act-to protect the producer by scattering gold among the banks of the district affected, instead of centralizing it in the vanits of Wall Street as formerly-but, in our opinion the case in point could be more effectively relieved by this government bringing Great Britain to her knees with an embargo on cotton. A total curtailment of shipments of cotton for 60 days would bring England to terms, and the cotton grower would have a market for his product. The procedare would also serve to demonstrate to England that there yet remains a few threads of commercial rights to neutral nations which she should re-

The first annual school fair to be held in Umatilla county will take place at Vincent on September 10 and il. For the past year the school chitdren have been induced to take much interest along industrial lines and their exhibits at the Vincent fair should prove most interesting, and should be an incentive to further endeavor. Two boys and two girls, who make the best advancement slong industrial lines will be seut to the State Fair Camp for boys and girls. All expenses will be paid and suitable paraous will accompany them. One girl and one boy will to selected at the Vincent fair, and a boy and girl from other sections of the county.

Preparations for the new school year are under way in Athens. The new building will be ready for occupancy by September 6, the date se lected by the board for the beginning of school. The date appears on the calender as a boliday, known as "Labor Day," but is observed only in towns and cities where later unions and affiliated organizations exist, and has nothing to do with local observ-

It is officially announced that during the calender year 1914, the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company expended in Oregon, Washington and Idabo, for wages, taxes, construction and other purposes incident to the conduct of its business, the sum of \$15,573,355.92, the equivalent of \$50,893.30 for each working day in the year.

While the limits of weight and size of parcel post packages have been materially increased, we are constrained to mention that automobiles must still be transported by freight or ex-

Every farmer with a patch of cota should be on the lookout for suitable specimens for the O.W. R. & N. corn show. A good show leads to plauting

Kennewick will have a grape car gival. Plenty of juice will be served.

HOROGODONON DE MONOCONONON A Mulligan Stew LONGINO HONO HONO HONO HONO

Kernal Klark Wood gravitated from Weston to Portland last week and op-pressed the P. Club atmosphere to the extent of 210 lts. displacement. From what we can learn from our est. com. metro. dailies, the Kernal tried to kapswallow the chairmanship on the Taft reception committee Virginia Arnold et. al. N. B.

It isn't often that an angel is found "fooling with fire." The exception was noted in Athena this week. One of Alex. MoIntyre's ex-hired men bearing a oberubic sobriquet, earned simoelcos by singeing dead foxtail vegetation in the thorofares and by-ways of Athena at one sim. per. And he still has a you.

Miss Laffingtitter and Bill Stayover, prominent members of the Ki-yuse tribe, and of high social prom. in their bailiwick, were Athena visitors for a couple of days and nights this

One of the coolest places in the city and one that is rarely mentioned by those who have found it to be so, is the new city bastile. Komtux?

Waltz me 'round again Jimmy It never gets too bot for Jawn Mc Manus of our est. com. the Tribune to pour out a vile colyum or more, per tinent and pertaining to the tariff or its equivalent thereto. He basn't mentioned the war in his sheet for a week. Be a Hearst, Jawn, and give your readers what they ax for.

If the devotes of the prize ring would disport themselves with like decorum and circumspection on the street after the contest which they ex-bit at the ringside, the game would be a better drawing card, there would te fewer discolored optics and less

Mr. Tommy Clark did not tarry long in Athena, but he left a large numbe of acquaintances and a good impres-sion—on the anatomy of one James

We sure miss the sight of "Pink" Harbour, with a bunch of 20s in one hand and a Charlie Grant sandwich in the other. Not so much so how ever, as his genial grin. Come over and mingle a wee, Pink.

It's specifically provided in Athena game laws that the bag limit on grouse for harness-makers is 1 bird. No need to mention names here; suffice to say that one of the three experi leather-butchers residing in our midst bas laid bimself liable to a fine of \$50 we are sorry-very sorry to say. Sunday he shot 3—crows. Get after him "Happy," the state'll divide ½ with

Little "Bill" Parker is some kid. There are all kinds of kids, but only one "Bill" Parker. He has a bigger tank deposit right now than 34 of the young men, and 10 of the old ones. And Bill has just begun. If he keeps op his saving dot, at the age of 21 he'll be several 1000 to the good.

By Peter Radford.

This nation is now in the midst of controversy as to how best to promote universal peace. That question we will leave for diplomats to discuss, but peace within nations is no less important than peace between nations and it is beavily laden with prosperity for every citizen within our commonwealth,

Many leading politicians and ofttimes political platforms have declared war upon business and no cabinet crisis ever resulted. Many men have stood in high places and hurled "gas bombs" at industry; thrust bayonets into business enterprises and bombarded agriculture with indifference. Party leaders have many times broken diplomatic relations with industry; sent political aviators spying through the affairs of business, and political submarines have sent torpedoes crushing irto the destiny of commerce. During the past quarter of a century we have fought many a duel with progress, permitted many politicians to on a guerrilla warfare against carry civilization and point a pistol at the heart of honest enterprise.

No man should be permitted to cry out for universal peace until his record has been searched for explosives, for no vessel armed or laden with munitions of war should be given a clearance to sail for the port of Uni versal Peace. Let us by all means have peace, but peace, if he charity,

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

VIII.-C. E. SCHAFF



President Wil-son, recently re-ferring to our railroad problems, said in part: "They are indislife and railway securities are at the very heart of most and small, public and private, by in-dividuals and by institutions.

There is no other interest so central to the business welfare of the country as this. No doubt, in the light of the new day, with its new understand ings, the problem of the railroads will also be met and dealt with in a spirit of candor and justice."

When the first citizen of the land stresses the importance of understanding and dealing justly with the railroads, certainly the American plowman can venture upon a careful study of the problem. C. E. Schaff, president of the M. K. & T. railway company, when asked to outline the rela-tion of the public to railroads investments, said in part:
"It may be said that the railroad

phantoms which exist only in the pop ular fancy. For instance, because there have been a few so-called 'railroad magnates' whose names have figured prominently in finance, many people have come to believe that the railroads of the country are largely owned by a few rich men. As a matter of fact nothing could be farther from the Out of the colossal sum of twenty billion dollars of American railroad securities, less than five per cent is now, or ever has been, in the hands of these men who have figured prominently in the newspaper headlineswhile the other 95 per cent is in the hands of over two million investors. large and small, who in many instances have put the modest savings of a lifetime into these securities in order that they might lay away a com petency for old age. When, therefore, the value of these securities is depressed or perchance destroyed, the bardship is a hundredfold greater upon thousands of every-day citizens than upon the handful of millionaires, good or bad, who have figured promi

nently in railroad circles.

Hundreds of millions of dollars of the assets of our great life and fire insurance companies, savings banks, trust companies, educational and fiduciary institutions are invested in railroad bonds-and the moment, therefore, that the soundness of these bonds is called into question the financial solidity of these myriad institutionsdirectly affecting the welfare of millions of policyholders and bank depositors-is gravely menaced. During the last several years many millions of dol-lars representing depreciated values have been charged off the books of concerns like those enumerated above. American railroads have become a vital part of the very woof and fabric of the nation. Their continued effi-ciency is absolutely essential to the

smallest community in the land.
In blindly striking at the railroads our blows fall not merely upon thousands who have committed no wrong, but, in the last analysis, upon ourselves. We should remember how interdependent we have come to be in this mighty republic of ours-that each is in truth become more and more his brother's keeper, and that we need to act and think circumspectly, lest in our mistaken zeal we destroy those who, like ourselves, need whatever of of years has bequeathed to them.

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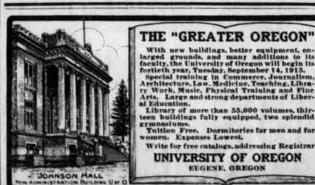
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