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One result of the probing into the delay in furnishing equipment to the army forces by the congressional committee, bares the subtle action on the part of gun manufacturers in delaying the production of machine guns, so that they might secure rights of sole manufacture of their individual model. This is apparent in the turning down of the Lewis gun, which has made good with the British and French armies. This gun was turned down by the lords of the United States ordnance bureau in favor of the Browning machine gun, an arm without war test. The Lewis gun was invented by Col. Lewis of the U. S. Army, who when the government turned it down resigned his commission and took his gun to Europe, where it has done more than any other weapon to ward off the attacks of the Boches. The Browning gun, doubtless a commendable weapon, for the reason that the inventor made the Remington automatic rifle and shotgun, had for its sponsor no less an authority than Gen. Crozier, but its adoption has created unnecessary delay in equipping the army, by reason of the fact that its manufacture was at the inceptive stage, whereas it was possible to supply the Lewis gun in unlimited quantities, for the reason that American factories were already producing them for the European Allies. From indications, the machine gun mess can be laid at the doors of the Remington Arms Co., makers of the Browning gun, and the Savage Arms Co., American manufacturers of the Lewis gun. Before this probing business is ended, other and all equipment production will be ventilated, and when the conclusion is reached, we shall know who is to blame for dilatory tactics.

The proposed Farmers' elevator in Athena, if constructed on lines advocated, would forever settle the sack question for them, and many of their neighbors. Bulked grain was found to be a successful and profitable method of harvesting, by those farmers who tried it out last fall. To make it general in this vicinity, all that is needed is the elevator for cleaning and storage purposes.

The word "no" is not known in the Red Cross drive for membership. In this instance, it costs but one dollar to show your Americanism—in other words, you are an American or you are not.

Instead of a white Christmas, we had one trimmed with a "silver thaw." There were no snow balls, but the kiddies made up for them by sliding down hill to their heart's content.

Oregon leads the Nation in the Red Cross drive for membership, and Umatilla county leads Oregon.

The Churches.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sunday, Dec. 30, Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service will be of a special nature, to celebrate the New Year. Morning topic: "A Fresh Beginning;" evening topic, "The Power of Resolution." A hearty invitation is extended to you to worship at this house of welcome. Walter S. Gleiser.

The Christian Church.

"Vision and Victory," and "In Christ," will be the respective themes at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening. The Bible school will open at 10 a. m. with a rousing song service and a good leader. Communion at 11 a.m. Interest is growing in many ways, but we are not satisfied. The citizens of Athens are not attending religious services. We invite you to come and we will try and do you good. There were three additions recently, a mother, daughter and son. Others are thinking.

The first floor will be done in about another week. Then we will dedicate and arrange for special things. Come and join us in the good work.

D. Errett, Minister.

At the Baptist Church.

The services of Sunday were well attended with a splendid spirit. The Christmas exercises Monday evening were a grand success. The house was crowded and the program was well rendered. After the program a sack of candy and nuts was given to all present. Quite a number of presents were brought and given out.

Next Sunday being the last Sunday of the old year, and the close approach to the new year, we will bring a message at the morning service from the topic: "A New Year Motto." Topic for the evening, "Turning to God."

Friday evening of next week, Jan. 4, will be the get-together and roll call service. All members are requested to be present. On January 6th we will begin the revival services. Let every member prepare to attend. The public is invited to attend these meetings. D. E. Baker, Pastor.

ATHENA'S QUOTA EXCEEDED BY OVER 112 PER CENT

The following standing of committees will show the latest report of Manager Gleiser, in the local Red Cross drive for membership, and represents 519 members secured in the Christmas drive, or more than 112 per cent of Athena's quota, which was set at 450:

[U. of H., $115; O. E. S. and Star Club, $108; Red Cross auxiliary, $78; Library Board, $67; W. C. T. U., $70; Baptist Aid society, $66; Rebekah Lodge, $81, totaling $520; and $9 received by the manager but not yet assigned, gives the grand total of $529.

The local manager desires to thank all who assisted in the drive by giving services, automobiles, advertising etc.; also the people of the community who, with but very few exceptions, responded so enthusiastically. A few more memberships are yet expected to come in.

Buttons have not yet arrived, but State Chairman Chapman promises them as soon as they are manufactured.

A Farmers' Meeting.

A Farmers' Meeting will be held at the Opera house at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow, Dec. 29th, for purpose of discussing the building of an elevator. Good speakers are promised, so every farmer is urged to come and show your colors.

SHUN THE SWINDLERS.

When You Invest Your Money Do Not Buy a Gold Brick.

Swindling promoters are shrewd. Whenever they find any line of industry phenomenally successful they immediately organize fake companies and print lurid literature telling of the wonderful prospects in this line, of fortunes that have been made in it and of the opportunity they are giving to small investors to secure a generous income. So we have had automobile, oil, mining, real estate, hotel, plantation, and now there are several newer schemes, in which the credulous public is invited to put all its loose change.

Why doesn't the public realize that in all these lines of business the old, well established and dividend paying concerns offer the best opportunities for investment? They never print lurid literature, guaranteeing fortunes and promising extravagant dividends. They are managed by men whose characters put them above this, yet the public will only bite on a bait that is made extraordinarily attractive by promises impossible of performance.

Hence the vogue of companies that sell their shares as low as 1 cent each. The man with $10 who can buy a certificate for 1,000 shares jumps at the promise held out to him that some day his $10 may grow into $10,000. To him it is a lottery, nothing else. And when he loses, as he always does, he goes out on the street corner and denounces the "sharks of Wall stret."—Jasper in Leslie's Weekly.

UNGATHERED HONEY.

Billions of Dollars' Worth Is Lost by Waste Every Year.

An editorial in the Farm and Fireside says:

The present centering of attention by economists on food waste is showing that one of the most unnecessary losses of a valuable food product is the ungathered nectar of flowers.

Speaking in a broad way, there are few farms in America that do not annually produce several hundredweight of honey over and above the honey required to sustain the bee harvesters of this appetizing staple food product.

The farms on which the owners systematically plan to save their honey at present are less than one in a hundred. On several million American farms where this honey goes unharvested year after year this wastage aggregates billions of dollars.

A Minnesota scientific bee culturist, Francis Jager, is authority for the statement that 100 colonies of honeybees suitably located and properly cared for can be expected to average a net production of profit twice as great as that of the average 160 acre farm of his state can show, while the equipment and overhead are less. Of course 100 colonies of bees cannot be pastured on an average sized farm, but there are innumerable farms where a dozen hives of bees could gather $100 worth of honey annually.

The Supreme Court.

For the supreme court of the United States there is no exact precedent either in the ancient or the moderu times. In making the great constitution the "fathers" availed themselves of all past knowledge and experience, but it was probably from the French publicist Montesquieu that they got their idea of the supreme court. In this book, "The Spirit of the Laws," Montesquieu, after making a masterly analysis of all forms of government, uses these words: "There is no liberty if the judicial power be not separated from the legislative and the executive." The framers of the constitution knew Montesquieu's book well, and there is not any room for doubt about their getting the idea of the supreme court from that source.—New York American.

Monkeys In Boots.

In tropical countries the natives have many unique ways of catching monkeys. One of them, as explained by a traveler, is this: The hunters walk about in short boots in sight of the monkeys. Then they take the boots off, place some gum in the bottoms and leave them on the ground, withdrawing themselves to a great distance. Presently the monkeys come down from the trees and try on the boots, and when the hunters come after them the boots stick to the feet of the monkeys, and they are unable to climb. Thus the imitative little animals are captured.

ELBA'S SUPPLY OF IRON ORE

Mines Have Attached a New Importance to the Island—Napoleon Was Held Prisoner There.

The Island of Elba, celebrated as the place where Napoleon was imprisoned in 1814, has since Italy's entrance into this war attracted much attention as the location of valuable iron mines, writes a correspondent.

In view of the scarcity of iron mines in Italy and the difficulty of transporting ore or pigs from the United States for use in the munition factories the mines of Elba have given a new importance to the island. Travelers on the Genoa-Rome Express, which skirts the seashore of the mainland, permitting a view on a clear day of the blue island rising out of the water six miles distant, think rather of the tall foundry stacks in the foreground at Piombino than of the great soldier of other wars.

In the days before the war this express stopped at Campiglia to put off tourists for Piombino and Elba. Today it stops to put off business men, skilled iron workers, Italian soldiers and their Austrian prisoners interned on the island. The side track at Campiglia has been enlarged since the war, too, for the purpose of handling the large quantity of iron freight brought over from Elba. Napoleon's name has almost been forgotten on the island, so busy are the inhabitants with war work. "How can I get to the Villa San Martino?" a visitor arriving on the stone wharf of the harbor inquired of a workman. The workman looked at the visitor blankly, when the visitor added: "You know, the place where Napoleon used to live." The man shook his head. "I'm a newcomer here. Never heard of the place."

WAR PROPHECY COMES TRUE

Russian Banker's Prediction Seven Years Ago Provided for Famine and the Bankruptcy of Nations.

Only seven years ago M. Bloch, the great Russian banker, wrote: "That is the future of war—not fighting, but famine; not the slaying of men, but the bankruptcy of nations, and the breaking up of the whole social organization of the nations."

The future of war, as written about by M. Bloch seven years ago, is the present of war today, observes Vernon Kellogg in the Atlantic. Not that fighting and the slaying of men are lessened. Only the Napoleonic and the Thirty Years' wars approach today's war in the terrible losses of human life; and too great a drain on the human life of any one or several of the nations engaged may be the deciding factor in the war's conclusion. But on the whole, and as matters stand today, that part of M. Bloch's prophecy referring to the predominant influence of the food problem in modern war is thoroughly borne out by the facts. Despite the fearful and fatal struggling of an incredible number of men, consuming inconceivable quantities of munitions, and using such amazing methods of fighting as are beyond even the fantastic imaginings of the romancers of a decade ago, the national and international phases of the food and general economic problem are the predominant features of the war situation today.

Illiteracy Before the War.

It is difficult to make comparisons of illiteracy in France, England, Spain and Portugal, Austria-Hungary and Scotland before the war, because different methods of taking the count are used in the various countries. In giving the percentage of illiteracy in the countries below, there is indicated in the parenthesis the basis on which the computation was made, notes an investigator: Austria, 18.7 (population over eleven years, 1910); England and Wales, 1.8 (marriages, 1901-1910); France, 14.1 (population over ten years, 1906 or 4.1, marriages 1901-1910); Hungary, 33.3 (population over six years, based on number unable to read and write, 1910); Portugal, 68.9 (population over ten years, 1911, based on inability to read); Scotland, 1.6 (marriages 1901-1910); Spain, 58.7 (population over ten years). Except in the cases mentioned, the term illiteracy is used to mean all persons unable to write their own language.

How the "Goat" Got Even.

A Southerner recently approached the attendant of Y. M. C. A. No. 21.

"I should likes to borrow some di-es," he announced.

"Some what?"

"Some di-es."

"I don't understand."

"You know, di-es, things you shoot craps with."

"Oh, dice! Sorry, but we haven't any of those. Dice are one of the few things that we don't supply."

"The boys sent me up after them," protested the rookie.

"I guess that was a joke."

"Say, let me take some boxing-gloves for a few minutes. I'll bring them right back."

And thus armed, the "goat," with fire in his eye, walked off in the direction of his barracks.—Boston Globe.

Forewarned Is Forearmed.

A man went to a nearby city on business, and while there called at a bank to get specie for some notes he had had on hand for a long time. They proved to be on a defunct concern, and the teller told him they were good for nothing.

"Wa'al, now, look a-here, mister," said Uncle Cy, "won't ye jist tell a feller how you can tell when money's a-goin' ter spile?"

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PATRIOTISM OF THE STOMACH

Neither Fried Chicken Nor Biscuits Found by Hungry Hunters on Farmer's Table.

There are all kinds and varieties of patriotism—almost as many as there are pickles of a certain variety. There is the patriotism of speech, the patriotism of arms, or money, of service and so on. But of them all the hardest for the average individual is the patriotism of the stomach. So thought a bunch of Indianapolis men who invaded Brown county for a day of hunting, says the Indianapolis News.

After a day of hiking and tramping over the hills, in which a nice string of rabbits was the prize, these "tired business men" adjourned to the farmer's house where they had planned on a big "feed." You can imagine their surprise and disgruntled feelings when on seating themselves at the table they found neither meat nor bread. The expected fried chicken and hot biscuits were missing. Of course, no one said anything, but a good many thoughts made the air quiet.

That evening as they were leaving for the train the old farmer friend pointed to a small placard in the window, and said: "Well, boys, the next time you come down we'll have that fried chicken and biscuits. Mary said we was a member of the United States food administration now, and what was the use of havin' a pledge card if you didn't keep the pledge."

They had chosen the wrong day. Besides bringing home a lesson to some of the party it served to call their attention to the fact that almost every home down there, no matter how humble and how far back in the hill, had a food administration pledge card in the window.

BANANA FLOUR AND BREAD

Green Fruit, Full Grown, Is Peeled, Sliced and Dried, Then Ground in Ordinary Corn Mill.

At a meeting of the Horticultural club of Trinidad, samples of banana flour and bread were exhibited and the method of preparation described. It was explained that the bananas from which the flour and bread were made had been taken from trees only five days previously, the 'silk fig' small variety of bananas producing the best results, reports Henry D. Baker, American consul at Trinidad:

The process was described as follows: "Full-grown green bananas should be selected. Peel, slice and dry quickly, preferably on a galvanized sheet, then grind in ordinary corn mill. From 63 pounds of green bananas 16½ pounds of flour had been obtained in the specimens shown. The bread, which was very palatable, had been made from two parts of banana flour and one part of wheat flour. The banana flour could also be used as a substitute for oatmeal porridge and also for making puddings.

Army Medical Department.

There are now more than 13,000 officers engaged in the work of the medical department of the army, including regular army officers and the four officers' reserve corps—medical, dental, veterinary and sanitary—connected with the work under Surgeon General Gorgas, says the Medical Journal. It is estimated that at least 24,000 physicians will be included in the personnel of the department when full strength is reached. Every step in caring for the physical welfare of the soldiers from the time they are sworn into service until they are discharged comes under the medical department. In this work is included inspection of foods to be served soldiers, sanitation, care of the sick and wounded, the operation of field base and convalescent hospitals, "re-education" of the permanently crippled, handling the supplies for all this work, etc. The total number of hospital beds will be on a basis of 25 per cent of the strength of the army.

Don't Flatter Yourself.

"Somehow I was always different from other people," is a common saying among men, even among those who lay no claim to any special virtue, observes Los Angeles Times. Indeed, the statement is often made by those who pretend to be ashamed of their vices, but who are really almost proud of them. To feel like that and to admit it is only a confession of the egotism common to humanity. Whoever you are, you are only different from others in personality. You belong to the race and probably are neither better nor worse than any one of the vast majority. Everybody thinks that he is different from all the rest. He ain't!

To Save Tin Now Wasted.

A small electric furnace has been installed and operation begun on the volatilization of tin from scrap at the Northwest experiment station of the United States bureau of mines at Seattle, Wash., says the Engineering and Mining Journal. An extensive series of experiments will be carried out there with the idea of saving the tin now wasted in discarded containers and other forms of scraps.

Starting It.

"Darling," she said, "you know we really ought not to fuss with each other. Now, I want to make an agreement with you that we will never say a harsh word or have a single dispute."

"All right, I'm with you," he agreed, "but before we begin, I'd like to know where in thunder you put those blankety-blank clean socks you said you darned."

Misfits at the Bargain Sale.

Nell—I stopped in at a bargain sale today. Belle—Did you see anything that looked real cheap? Nell—Yes; several men waiting for their wives.—Philadelphia Ledger.

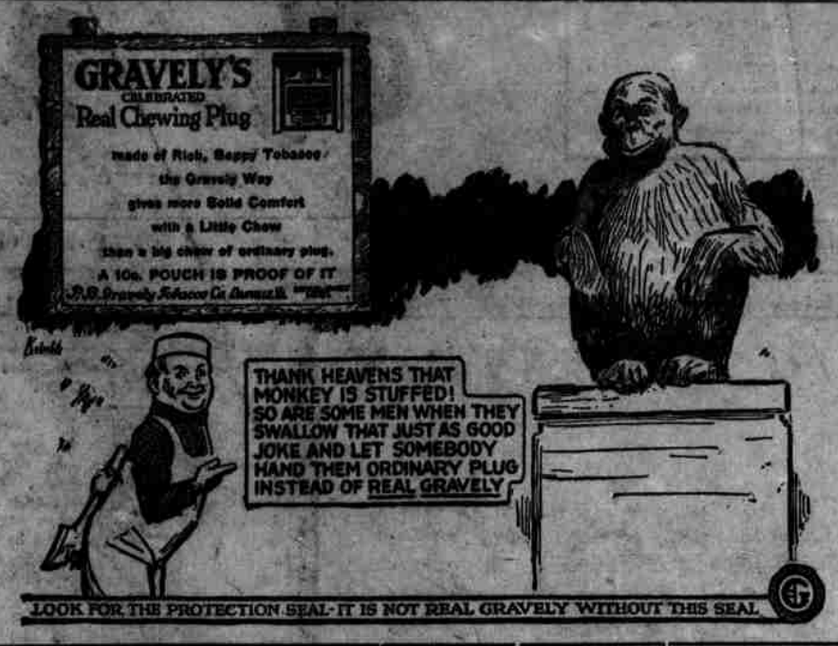
Conceit.

"Pa, what is a conceit?"

"A mental disease, my boy, that is dangerous only when it becomes chronic."—Detroit Free Press.

The Old, Old Story Boiled Down.

She (early in the evening)—Good evening, Mr. Sampson. Same She (late in the evening)—Good night, George.



NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena, Oregon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it, will be held in its office in Athena, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at the hour of two o'clock, p. m.

F. S. LeGrow, Cashier.

December 7th, 1917.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of William R. Scott, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Ethel Garfield Scott and W. R. Taylor have been appointed joint administrators of the estate of William R. Scott, deceased, and have qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them with proper vouchers according to law to one of the said administrators at Athena, Oregon, or to Homer I. Watts, their attorney, at his office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, on Friday, November 23, 1917.

Ethel Garfield Scott,
Administratrix,
W. R. Taylor,
Administrator.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the Estate of Luke H. Read, Deceased.

Notice is hreeby given to all persons whom it may concern that I, George W. Gross have been appointed administrator of the estate of Luke H. Read deceased, and have qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them with proper vouchers according to law, to me at Athena, Oregon, or to Homer I. Watts, my attorney, at his office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, on Friday, November 23, 1917. George W. Gross, Administrator.

Notice of Final Account

In the County Court for Umatilla County, Oregon.

In the Matter of the Estate of A. Kinnear, (Alexander Kinnear,) deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account and report as executrix of the estate of A. Kinnear (Alexander Kinnear,) deceased, and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, Dec. 29, 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day as the time, and the County Court room in the County Court house at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place for hearing said final account. Objections to said final account should be filed on or before said date.

Margaret Kinnear, Executrix.

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Peace and Goodwill

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We of America have much to be thankful for May we use our prosperity to such a good advantage that it may be maintained indefinitely.

Accept our hearty good will and best wishes for the season.

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