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MAKE EUROPE PAY THE BONUS

President Harding again says that he would favor the soldiers' bonus if the bonus could be paid without disturbing the nation's finances.

It may be that the president is taking the right position. One is led, however, to reflect upon the fact that while our unemployed ex-service men are being fed in soup kitchens and billeted in armories—virtually subsisting on the crumbs flung from the hand of charity—the attitude assumed by France, the country which they helped to save, stands out at the Washington conference in sordid mockery.

The demands of the French delegates for a much larger navy than their country ever before possessed, or the world ever contemplated she could have any such consuming desire to possess, and which would require millions to build, equip and maintain—demands made at a time when the world is navy-cursed and navy-weary—made in a world conference for arms limitation, were singled and curtailed in the process of compromise which so far has marked the net results of the conference. These futile demands were followed by a staggering and almost insolent stand for an outrageous tonnage in submarine boats, which France could not possibly need save for a war of imperialistic conquest such as the awful emprise upon which her ancient and fallen enemy embarked.

To be sure, France has again modified her attitude, warned by the world's astounded disapproval. She agreed that submarines shall not operate against merchant ships. But the fact that she put forth such claims at a place cannot be forgotten by her friends and well wishers. The thought arises that if France felt herself able to build such a formidable surface and undersea navy, she ought to be able to liquidate a part at least of her debt to this nation. The money so paid could in turn be converted into a soldiers' bonus fund, and the debt of France to our soldiers, as well as to the nation, paid in a most befitting manner.

And as with France so with other debtor nations; for there can be no logic in proposed war loan cancellations so long as the ghost of an unpaid soldiery stalks abroad in our land.

BANKER URGES ECONOMY

Necessity for the farmers of this section to enforce the strictest economy in their farming was voiced by W. L. Thompson, prominent banker, on a recent visit to Pendleton from Portland. He said:

"Farming expenses are up 60 per cent above the pre-war level and the price of products is practically what it was several years ago. The farmer need not get pessimistic with another crop seven months away and lower production in sight, but it is necessary for him to pursue the strictest economy in his business in order to make his industry profitable."

Investigation being carried on at the present time by the federal government shows that retailers are better off when they reduce their prices and accept their loss, and this all aids to stabilize the conditions which make for normal production, in the opinion of the noted banker.

Farmers here are in much better condition financially than in the middle west, according to Mr. Thompson, who has reviewed the paper of farmers in over 2000 banks of the east.

Now that Portland has been made pretty well aware that if she has her fair share will probably have to pay for it herself—since she will be the chief and practically the only real beneficiary in a direct financial way—it would perhaps be well to curb the sectional prejudice that the fair dispute has developed. Multnomah county has tried to do pretty well by the state, as The Oregonian points out in a leading editorial Wednesday. Talk of boycotting and reprisal, on either side of the Cascades, sows the seed for the wrong kind of an Oregon crop.

A store in a neighboring town having advertised something Nifty in Stockings, a facetious exchange has this proud boast: "You can see lots of them any time on the streets of this town."

There may be no nigger in the Dail Eireann woodpile, but there's plainly a troublesome rat in ratify.

One of the best newspapers in the nation always, The Oregonian is of course better when it is bigger. The annual New Year's number contains seven sections with a total of 72

pages. Any Oregonian who reads it will know a lot more about this proud commonwealth than when he started in—although he'd better take a day for the job.

No less than 250 Tacomans petitioned the city council to bar dogs and permit goats to run at large. They'll get many a goat, too, with that kind of a proposition.

A Wisconsin farmer who doesn't believe in banks saved up \$2500. His kiddies found it and used it to start the kitchen fire, evidently supposing that he had money to burn.

However we may feel toward Germany, it cannot be denied that she is a promising nation. Trouble is, she cannot keep both her gold marks and her promises.

That "economic crisis" in Europe is still crisscrossing; but as Mark Twain said of the weather, everybody talks about it but nobody ever does anything about it.

Our idea of an optimist is the farmer who can still smile and say the country is all right, when he sells his hides and buys a pair of shoes.

"Apparently there was no thought of pleasing Senator Borah when the world was created," is the conclusion of James J. Montague.

It's all right enough for the postmaster general to resign and become a movie magnate, so long as no Hays obscures the pictures.

We are not quite certain whether there is need for a better census in 1925, but we are sure there is need for better sense.

Elihu Root's wines were stolen, but he might set up a home brewing outfit and have an occasional glass of Root beer.

30T ON TRAVELER'S NERVES

Loaded Camel in Cafe More Than Even Experienced Tourist Could Comfortably Endure.

Your bold professional voyager doesn't notice the Bedouin camp—not thick, goat, lamb, ass, dog, camel, brat, woman or flea. He has seen far too many of them. Or, if he does glimpse the thing, it is only to remind him of a really rather curious crowd he once ran across in the Upper Caucasus, or perhaps it was among the Ooan settlements of the Klitotoll in the southern attels of the Panmotes—the same place, by the by, where he happened upon the man with the lip and the whalebone amulet—which is another story. . . .

The fatal word in "travel stuff" circles is "provincial." And, dark as the suspicion may be, it must be faced, as well soon as later. I am provincial. Things we don't do in New England still strike me as strange. Now, a I see a very holy man . . . of penny na . . . of grade school physiol . . . cooking. I know that nalla . . . for him. . . . Or when I heavily laden with cactus comes . . . and bubbling between the of the cafe where I sit at peace the world—when I mount the table to escape—I can't help it; my provincial pulse mounts, too.

The episode doesn't remind me of anything. Not anything at all! In a cafe—a camel—with a load of cactus! At home I have known men asked to leave for seeing just the camel alone. . . . No, it is strange!—Wilbur Daniel Steele in Harper's Magazine.

Washington, D. C.—President Harding characterized as "silly," reports that relations between him and Secretary Hughes had been greatly strained by developments during the arms negotiations.

Rupture Expert Here

Seeley, Famous in This Specialty, is Called to Walla Walla.

F. H. Seeley of Chicago and Philadelphia, the noted truss expert, will personally be at the Grand Hotel, and will remain in Walla Walla Monday and Tuesday only, January 9-10. Mr. Seeley says: "The Spermatic Shield will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, but contracts the opening in ten days on the average case. Being a vast advancement over all former methods—exemplifying instantaneous effects immediately appreciable and withstanding any strain or position, no matter the size or location. Large or difficult cases, or incisional ruptures (following operations) specially solicited. This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery, injections, medical treatments or prescriptions." Mr. Seeley has documents from the United States Government, Washington, D. C., for inspection. He will be glad to demonstrate without charge or fit them if desired. Business demands prevent stopping at any other place in this section.

P. S.—Every statement in this notice has been verified before the Federal and State Courts.—F. H. Seeley. Home Office, 117 No. Dearborn Street, Chicago.

Charter No. 256. Reserve District No. 12.

Report of the Condition of the Athena State Bank, at Athena, in the State of Oregon at the close of business, December 31, 1921.

| Resources | |
|---|--------------|
| 1. Loans and Discounts, including re-discounts shown in item 31, if any | \$ 40,604.52 |
| 4. Other bonds warrants and securities, including foreign government, state, municipal, corporation, etc., including those shown in items 31 and 36, if any | 413.08 |
| 5. Stocks, securities, claims, liens, judgments, etc. | 900.00 |
| 6. Banking house, \$10,755.72; furn. and fixtures, \$10,880.91 | 21,636.63 |
| 9. (a) Lawful reserve with federal reserve bank. | 2,928.14 |
| (b) Amounts due from banks, bankers and trust companies, designated and approved reserve agents of this bank. | 14,896.62 |
| 11. Exchanges for clearing house and items on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank. | 102.35 |
| 12. Cash on hand in vault. | 3,296.79 |
| Total cash from banks, items, 9, 11, 12, | 21,223.90 |
| Total | \$ 84,778.13 |

| Liabilities | |
|---|--------------|
| 17. Capital stock paid in | \$ 25,000.00 |
| 19. Undivided profits, less interest and taxes paid | 1,223.58 |
| 25. Individual deposits subject to check | 28,062.40 |
| Total of demand deposits, other than bank deposits, subject to reserve, item 25, \$ 28,062.40 | |
| 29. Time certificates of deposits outstanding | 30,492.15 |
| Total of time and savings deposits payable on demand and subject to notice, item 29, \$ 30,492.15 | |
| Total | \$ 84,778.13 |

State of Oregon,
County of Umatilla, ss.

I, John F. Herr, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN F. HERR, Cashier.
CORRECT—Attest:
O. H. REEDER,
A. L. SWAGGART,
A. R. COPPOCK,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1922
B. B. RICHARDS, Notary Public for Oregon.
My Commission expires March 9, 1925.

Charter No. 4516. Reserve Dist. No. 12

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

of the First National Bank, at Athena, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business on December, 31, 1921.

| RESOURCES. | |
|---|---------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$ 524 354 42 |
| Total loans | 524 354 42 |
| U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) | 12 500 00 |
| All other U. S. Government securities | 3 550 00 |
| Total | 16 050 00 |
| Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc. | 8 318 65 |
| Banking house \$5400 00; Furniture and fixtures 1 000 00 | 6 400 00 |
| Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank | 31 187 99 |
| Cash in vault and amount due from national banks | 29 072 98 |
| Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S. other than included in items 8, 9, or 11 | 31 00 |
| Total of items 9, 11, 12 and 13 | 29 103 98 |
| Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer | 625 00 |
| Total | \$ 616 040 04 |

| LIABILITIES. | |
|--|---------------|
| Capital stock paid in | \$ 50 000 00 |
| Surplus fund | 60 000 00 |
| Undivided profits | 18 307 38 |
| Circulating notes outstanding | 12 500 00 |
| Certified checks outstanding | 3 048 52 |
| Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding | 896 86 |
| Total of items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 | 3 945 38 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 251 692 04 |
| Cert's of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed) | 181 589 83 |
| Dividends unpaid | 2 990 00 |
| Total of demand deposits [other than bank deposits] subject to reserve, items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 | 436 271 87 |
| Other time deposits | 25 000 00 |
| Postal Savings deposits | 15 46 |
| Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, items 32, 33, 34, and 35 | 225 015 46 |
| Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank, including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts | 10 000 00 |
| Total | \$ 616 040 04 |

State of Oregon, County of Umatilla, ss.—I, F. S. Legrow, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1922.
HOMER I. WATTS, Notary Public for Oregon. My commission expires Sep. 1924.

Correct—Attest:
M. L. Watts,
M. W. Hansell,
Henry Dell, Directors.

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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, the 10th day of January, 1922, at the hour of two o'clock, p. m. Dated, December 16th, 1921.
F. S. LeGrow, Cashier.

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