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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1914.

President Wilson has issued an appeal or warning to the people of the United States—from an old world ruler it would be called a manifesto—the like of which has probably never been known before in the history of this country. In view of the general war in Europe, and the fact that nearly all the citizens of the United States are related by blood and sympathy with one or another of the warring nations, the president cautions all our people to studiously avoid "that deepest, most subtle, most essential breach of neutrality which may spring out of partisanship, out of passionately taking sides." In saying this he adds "My thought is of America." He adjures "every man who really loves America to act and speak in the true spirit of neutrality, which is the spirit of impartiality and fairness and friendliness to all concerned." He directs his earnest plea specifically to individuals, to societies, to public meetings, to the pulpit and the press. In doing so he says: We must be neutral in fact as well as in name these days. We must put a curb upon our sentiments as well as upon every transaction that might be construed as preference of one party to struggle before another." Failure to observe these cautions, the president intimates, "might seriously stand in the way of the performance of our duty as "the one great nation at peace, the one people holding itself ready to play a part of impartial mediation and speak the counsels of peace and accommodation, not as a partisan, but as a friend." It is stated that the president's appeal was prepared with the utmost care, from a sense of the grave responsibility which besets our nation. It is intimated in the press that the president was moved to action in part by a personal complaint from the German Kaiser, registered through Ambassador

Gerard that his government "had been much maglined and its motives misunderstood, misconstrued and deliberately misrepresented" in this country, and he wished his country to be "set right" with the American president and his people. Further, the German-American National Alliance had appealed to President Wilson to plead with Japan to refrain from throwing herself into the European conflict. These and other considerations led the president to issue his appeal for the avoidance of expression of partisan feeling by the American public. The warning is certainly timely and does credit to President Wilson's head and heart, to his wisdom and his patriotism. "Blood will tell;" and it is impossible for Americans—especially British-Americans, German-Americans and others of the kind not far enough removed from their old relations to be free from prejudice—not to feel their sympathies aroused on one side or another of the great struggle. But the open expression is another thing. This, whether personally, or in print, pulpit or platform, should be extremely guarded, both for the sake of harmony at home, and the possible influence across the water.

Our public school opened on Monday under favorable auspices—the school board has made many needed improvements, the school ground having been graded and a

large platform built in front and back with wide steirs leading from what we trust will be a good substantial sidewalk. The building has been painted and the whole structure is in good shape with the new storm shed which will be appreciated by the children.

Miss Ruth Clerk is principal, the board have been fortunate enough to securing her services for another year, the primary department is in charge of Miss Pearl Miller, of Oregon City, a very pleasant young lady and the Courier bespeaks a prosperous year of school work for Cloverdale.

Rumor whispers that the Emperor Francis Joseph is dead. In sorrow he has passed his long life, in sorrow he goes down to the grave. His family has been blighted by intrigue and murder, the noble aspirations of his young manhood have all turned to bitterness, his Empire is a chain of broken links. His life has been a troubled fever; may he sleep well.

One good effect of the European war is in sight inasmuch as all the foreign tenors and sopranos have been snared by the fowler to feed to his guns if we have any moor opera we must depend upon native singers for it. America may at last discover that she can make music without foreign help? There are boys who can be taught to swim only by throwing them headloeg deep water.

THE SLAB CREEK SAGE SAYS

It's an ill tongue that tells of no good.

The man behind the bass drum works to beat the band.

We must sow good deeds today to reap happiness tomorrow.

Anyway, the pessimist is thankful that he wasn't born an optimist.

Avoid interfering with the man who is dead in love. It is not your funeral.

Economy is the name of a Pennsylvania town—but it is not a summer resort.

Whenever a widow and widower begin to discuss matrimony, the chances are that the argument will result in a tie.

It sometimes happens that a woman marries a man to reform him—if she is unable to get a man who doesn't need reforming.

Many a young widow declines to marry again—because she isn't asked.

Good judgment usually shows up the day after.

A woman should never get married until she can afford it.

We feel sorry for the average man who gets what he deserves.

Never judge a married man by actions when he is away from home.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY FAIR

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